

DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 459 938

PS 030 018

AUTHOR Curtis, Apreill; Bogie, Don
TITLE Alabama Kids Count 2001 Data Book.
INSTITUTION VOICES for Alabama's Children, Montgomery.
SPONS AGENCY Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD.; Alabama Power Foundation, Birmingham.
PUB DATE 2001-00-00
NOTE 183p.; Also funded by AmSouth Bank, Bruno's Memorial Classic Foundation, the Caring Foundation, Protective Life, SouthTrust Bank, and Sybil H. Smith Charitable Trust. Additional funding by Business Council of Alabama and Alabama Civil Justice Foundation.
AVAILABLE FROM Voices for Alabama's Children, P.O. Box 4576, Montgomery, AL 36103-4576. Tel: 800-444-5437 (Toll Free); Tel: 334-213-2410; Fax: 334-213-2413; e-mail: vfac@alavoices.org; Web site: <http://www.alavoices.org>.
PUB TYPE Numerical/Quantitative Data (110) -- Reports - Descriptive (141)
EDRS PRICE MF01/PC08 Plus Postage.
DESCRIPTORS *Adolescents; Birth Weight; Births to Single Women; Child Abuse; Child Health; Child Neglect; Child Welfare; *Children; *Counties; Delinquency; Demography; Dropout Rate; Early Parenthood; Elementary Secondary Education; Family Income; Infant Mortality; Juvenile Justice; Mortality Rate; Poverty; *Social Indicators; State Surveys; Substance Abuse; Tables (Data); Violence; Welfare Recipients; *Well Being *Alabama; Arrests; Child Mortality; *Indicators; Risk Taking Behavior
IDENTIFIERS

ABSTRACT

This Kids Count data book examines statewide trends in well-being for Alabama's children. The statistical portrait is based on 17 indicators in the areas of health, education, safety, and security. The indicators are: (1) infant mortality rate; (2) low weight births; (3) child health index; (4) births to unmarried teens; (5) first grade retention; (6) event dropout rate; (7) projected dropout rate; (8) child death rate; (9) children with indication of abuse or neglect; (10) juvenile substance abuse arrest rate; (11) juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; (12) juvenile violent crime arrest rate; (13) juvenile violent crime court referral rate; (14) preventable teen death rate; (15) number of vulnerable families; (16) children receiving AFDC/TANF; and (17) children in poverty. The data book begins with an introduction, examples of community mobilization, and a summary of new information for this year's report. Following a summary of state data and information on using the book, the bulk of the report presents data for each indicator by county, as well as a summary of county data and county rankings. Indicators showing improvement include infant mortality rate, event dropout rate, projected dropout rate, children with indication of abuse or neglect, vulnerable families, and children receiving AFDC/TANF. Indicators with worsening statistics include low weight births, juvenile substance abuse arrest rate, juvenile substance abuse court referral rate, and juvenile violent crime court referral rate. The data book concludes with acknowledgments, definitions, notes, and sources of information. (SD)

2001 Data Book

ALABAMA KIDS COUNT



TO THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)

1

- Points of view or opinions stated in this document do not necessarily represent official OERI position or policy.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

2

PERMISSION TO REPRODUCE AND
DISSEMINATE THIS MATERIAL HAS
BEEN GRANTED BY

Aprill Curtis

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Educational Research and Improvement
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION
CENTER (ERIC)

This document has been reproduced as
received from the person or organization
originating it.

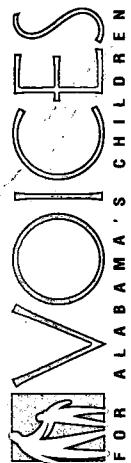
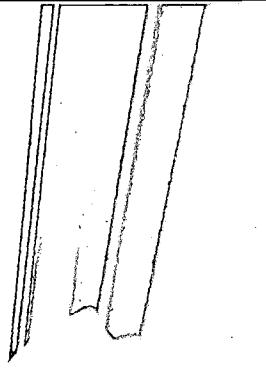
Minor changes have been made to
improve reproduction quality.

3
VOICES
FOR ALABAMA'S CHILDREN

4

ALABAMA KIDS COUNT

2001 Data Book



4A

4

VOICES FOR ALABAMA'S CHILDREN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Major funding for Alabama Kids Count is provided by:

Annie E. Casey Foundation
Alabama Power Foundation

AmSouth Bank

Bruno's Memorial Classic Foundation

The Caring Foundation

Protective Life

SouthTrust Bank

Sybil H. Smith Charitable Trust

Additional funding for VOICES for Alabama's Children and Alabama Kids Count provided by:

Business Council of Alabama

Alabama Civil Justice Foundation

Sue McInnish (President)
Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, Montgomery

Martha Warren Bidez, Ph.D.
Adjunct Professor, Dept. Biomedical Engineering,
UAB, Birmingham

Tom Chappell
Alabama Power Foundation, Birmingham

Beverly Cooper
Community Volunteer, Mobile

Margie Curry
Childcare Resources, Birmingham

Jim Dearth, M.D.
Children's Hospital of Alabama, Birmingham

Donna Dickey
Community Volunteer, Sylacauga

Elizabeth Emmet
Community Volunteer, Montgomery

Jack Galassini
Galassini & Associates Advertising, Montgomery

Joyce Greathouse
Community Volunteer, Birmingham

Linda Hampton
State Head Start Collaboration Office,
Montgomery

Steve Hannum
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama,
Birmingham

Ruth Harrell
Community Volunteer, Flomaton

Sophia Bracy Harris
FOCAL, Montgomery

Mary Jolley
Community Volunteer, Moundville

Nancy Kramer
United Way of Madison County, Huntsville

Shelley M. Kyle
Community Volunteer, Tuscaloosa

Barbara Larson
Leadership Alabama, Montgomery

Terry Lewis
Ala. Assoc. of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers,
Montgomery

Marian Loftin
Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, Dothan

JoAnna T. Middlebrooks
Ala. Assoc. for Young Children, Montgomery

Linda O'Connell
Alfred Saliba Family Services Center, Dothan

Harriet Parr
Alabama Foster & Adoptive Parent Association,
Talladega

Carol Pittard
Community Volunteer, Auburn

Louise Pittman
Community Volunteer, Montgomery

Beth Powell
Community Volunteer, Montgomery

Betsy Prince
Alabama's Early Intervention System,
Montgomery

Marsha Raulerson, M.D.
American Academy of Pediatrics, Brewton

Al Rohling
Alabama Child Caring Foundation,
Birmingham

Beverly Ross
Trenholm State Technical College, Montgomery

Virginia Thompson
East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika

Tom Walker
The American Village, Montevallo

David Wilson, Ph.D.
Auburn University, Auburn

Mary Zolgyb
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Alabama,
Mobile

Copyright ©2001 Alabama Kids Count. Permission to copy any or all of this report is granted as long as Alabama Kids Count 2001 Data Book is cited as the source.

For additional copies, contact:

VOICES for Alabama's Children
P.O. Box 4576, Montgomery, AL 36103-4576
1-800-444-KIDS (5437) Website: www.alavices.org

Content and statistical overview by Aprell Curtiss, Coordinator of Policy and Research, VOICES for Alabama's Children. Statistical research and analysis by Dr. Don Bogie, Director of the Center for Demographic and Cultural Research, Auburn University at Montgomery. Design by Dee Coggan. Published by VOICES for Alabama's Children—Linda Tilly, Executive Director. Cover photo by Jennie Miller Heideman.

INTRODUCTION

CONTENTS

1 Introduction	2 Community Mobilization
5 New This Year	7 State Data
12 How To Use This Book	13 County Pages
81 Overall County Ranks	84 County Data
86 County Rankings	88 Acknowledgements
88 Definitions, Notes & Sources of Information	

A breeze of change is blowing through Alabama. Unlike previous years, our state is experiencing a whole new and refreshing spirit of cooperation and collaboration that will ultimately benefit our youngest, most vulnerable citizens. For the first time ever, Alabama C.E.O.s have been meeting to discuss child care, brain development and early learning. Every county in the state now has its own Policy Council to coordinate child and family services and initiate new programs. The Governor's Infant Mortality Task Force is prepared to release sweeping recommendations to give babies a better chance of celebrating their first birthdays. Children even have an office in state government with the Department of Children's Affairs.

Small towns and communities are also mobilizing. Family Resource Centers are being built as community leaders and child advocates work to craft solutions to better the lives of those living in their areas. Faith-based mobilization efforts are also taking place. One downtown Montgomery church canvassed its neighborhood and determined that Success by Six would make a difference for the families in the area. The preschool program housed at the church has just completed its first year!

The 2001 *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* does not reflect the current change taking place in our state. Every new initiative we begin today takes years before these numbers improve. The reason is that change, old habits, and trends are hard to break. Alabama did not earn the national rank of 46th in the nation overnight. There is no silver bullet for change. The picture for families and children improves incrementally over time only as we develop ways to meet the needs before us.

The goal of the 2001 *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* is to present a holistic, numerical portrait of the status of our children using the best available data. And yet the data is meaningless when presented without context. We hope you will use the information in this document to address the challenges children face in your neighborhood, community or city. In the past the *Alabama Kids Count Data Book* has been a widely used source of information for leaders, policy makers, media and grant writers. We are gratified by this and hope that we continue to be a valued ally in improving the well-being of children in this state.

Linda Trilly
Executive Director

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

There are heroes among us in every city and community in Alabama. People who are touched by a problem and become advocates for others in finding solutions. Using data from the Alabama *Kids Count Data Book* ordinary people can identify community needs, organize, and network for change in their area. Teamwork, commitment and collaboration are the keys.

Finding a SAFE Solution in Sylacauga

Every quarter they met and every quarter they faced the same growing problems.

As members of the Drug Free Community Task Force examined the impact of their program on Sylacauga and its schools, task force members continued to see increases in juvenile delinquency, child abuse, drug abuse, illiteracy and other issues involving families and children.

"We decided something more had to be done. In the fall of 1995, we pulled together a broad-based committee of educators, businessmen, healthcare workers, attorneys, ministers and others interested in finding solutions to some of these problems," said Margaret Morton, executive director of SAFE.

To do this, volunteer representatives formed the Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement or "SAFE." This alliance spent nearly two years studying community needs, conducting focus groups, and planning. They traveled to other cities such as Dothan to learn more about coordinated programs that are making a difference.

"We decided we wanted a family service center because our problems weren't just about children, they involve and impact their entire family. And because families have changed a lot over the past twenty years, more and more parents need support and services," said Morton.

In May 1997, the group established a Family Services Center to address the identified needs of families and to foster the positive development of Sylacauga's children. Money of course, became the number one issue.

"That's when the SAFE volunteers stepped up to the plate. Everyone pitched in where they could. Glen Stevenson, on the Housing Authority, provided a location for the Center; Mayor Jessie Cleveland worked to get us a line-item in the budget, where they could. This mother had actually brought his suitcase with them. She was at her wits' end she said, and could no longer handle the boy," said Ryan.

and Sylacauga City Schools paid the salary of some of the new employees. We also took advantage of the contacts some of our volunteers had to help us secure flexible funding from the Department of Human Resources and the Children's Trust Fund," said Morton.

During its first year of operation, the SAFE Family Services Center served 1000 clients, providing both services and referrals. Today that number has tripled. SAFE provides a whole host of family and children's services including career education/ training, parenting education, DHR services, substance abuse and prevention services, mental health counseling, child/ family health services and child care services.

Mobilizing the Sylacauga community required its leaders to document the serious conditions affecting children and families in the area and educate policy makers and the public about the solutions available. It was not an easy job and took more than two years to accomplish. The results, however, have been overwhelming. SAFE continues to serve more clients every year and is now considered to be a model for other communities interested in improving child well-being.

A HERO in Hale County

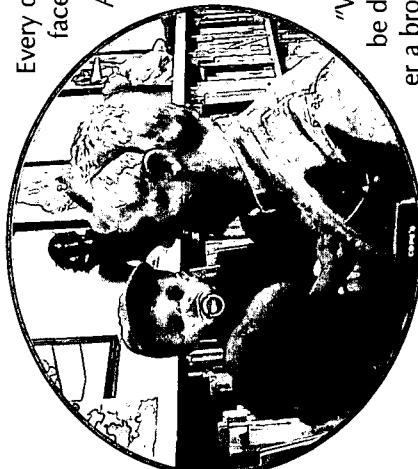
Hale County District Court Judge Sonny Ryan was working late one afternoon when there was a knock on his office door. Opening it, a woman introduced herself and her 16-year old son. "I can't do a thing with him, he's yours," she told the judge.

"I had to explain to her that I couldn't just take him and unfortunately, there were no services in Hale County to which I could refer them," remembers Judge Ryan.

The next day, the same thing happened again only this time it was a different mother and son. "This mother had actually brought his suitcase with them. She was at her wits' end she said, and could no longer handle the boy," said Ryan.



Volunteers assemble packets to deliver to new mothers and their babies born in Sylacauga



SAFE collaborates with the B.B. Comer Memorial Library to encourage families to read together.



Judge Sonny Ryan (third from the right), Family Resource Center staff members and volunteers are working to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Hale County, Alabama.

Two visits have changed the landscape of this poor, rural county. Judge Ryan began a three-year quest to examine family needs and find solutions to the problems he saw every day in his courtroom—basic poverty, illiteracy, poor housing and unemployment.

"Not knowing where to start made it hard. First I went to teachers and we talked about the dropout problem. These teachers told me they could always tell who would not finish school. It was the children who came to school sleepy, dirty and unprepared. These kids are just existing because there is no support or direction for them at home," said Ryan.

To address some of these needs, Ryan and others set their sights on winning an Empowerment Zone grant from the USDA. One of the criteria for this grant was that it be a collaborative effort involving as many diverse groups of people as possible. Meetings were held around the county to assess strengths and weaknesses and come up with programs to address them.

"Our motivation for all this work was a big chunk of money from the USDA. We, of course, did not receive this \$40 million dollars, but in the process we began to chart a course for our community. We hired an outside facilitator to come in and do some strategic planning. The facilitator helped us deal with problems we might have otherwise avoided," said Ryan.

What they came up with is a one-stop shop for Hale County that provides comprehensive services and referrals to families and children. In 1997, The Hale Empowerment Revitalization Center opened its doors and started its engines. HERO, as it is called, tries to accommodate county residents who have limited access to transportation through its outreach programs and mobile rural clinic.

"Hale County is a very rural, impoverished community. We rank as one of the 50 poorest counties in America. Three out of every five children in our schools are at-risk. The more than 25 programs we offer at our family services center work to address these issues," says executive director Jim Kellan.

Hale County has become a model for other rural areas that are trying to address similar problems. And although this west Alabama county has not seen overnight dramatic improvements in its *Kids Count Data Book* rankings, it is making significant progress, which over time will prove to better the lives of children and families living in Hale County.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Not all community mobilization projects involve an entire city or county. Sometimes a program is needed to assist citizens in a neighborhood or small community. The premise is still the same, however. Someone sees a need, joins with others to identify a solution and goes to work.

The Sayre Project:

Sayre is a rural community fifteen miles from the heart of downtown Birmingham. During the first half of the century, it was a thriving mining town. When the mines closed in 1972, Sayre was left to decay, with no businesses, grocery stores or health care facilities available for its population. Russell Jackson with Kid One Transport first identified the needs of this isolated community when he came to pick up a child and take him to the doctor. He called A Family Place, a non-profit counseling center in Birmingham for assistance.

A Family Place:

"Barbara Williams was director of the counseling at Family Place at that time. She realized that families couldn't be counseled until their basic needs were met," said Bonnie Roberts, executive director of the Sayre Revitalization Project.

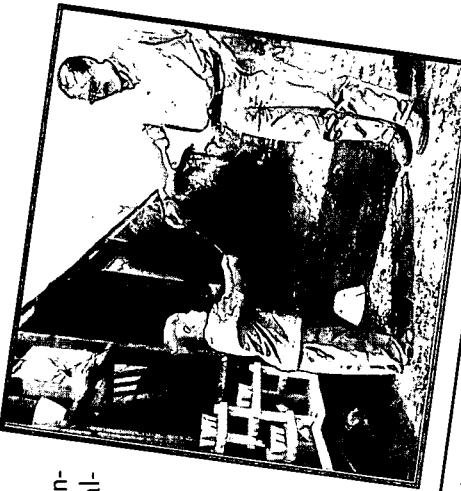
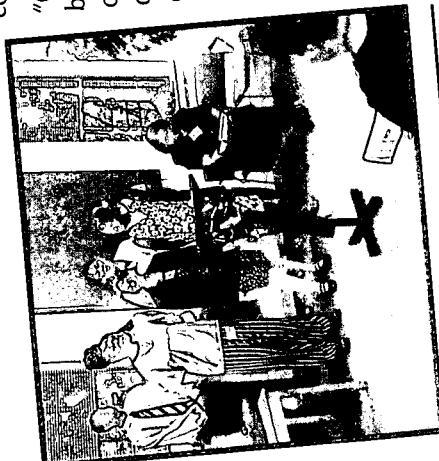
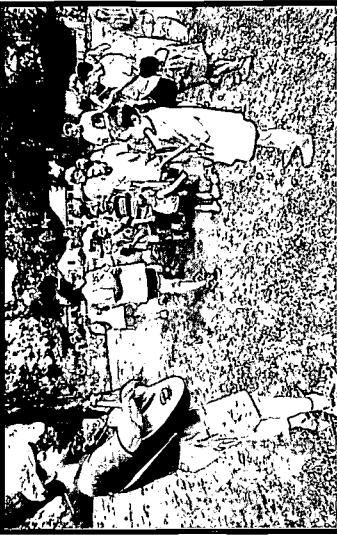
Basic needs included health care, transportation and housing improvements. Families in this all white community of 600 live in substandard housing built for miners in the 1940s. There was no indoor plumbing for many, the roofs leaked and other parts of the houses needed care.

Mike Bramlett:

Mike Bramlett, Co-director of the Sayre Project, plays with a resident of the community.

Family Place:

Family Place was able to take federal grant money to buy land for a community center. The Corporate Foundation for Children, Alabama Power Company and Birmingham churches came in to offer financial help and other assistance.



A New Beginning—JOBS class celebrates at the Hale Empowerment Revitalization Center.

The community center will be completed in December 2001. But even more exciting is a meeting scheduled for summer 2001 involving other poor, rural communities like Cardiff, Brookside, and Adamsville. By mobilizing residents in these isolated West Jefferson communities, Roberts and others hope to be able to pool resources and have an even greater impact on those served.

Faith Based Outreach

Alabama's 2001 Chess Champion, Jeffrey Bird, made a special guest appearance at this year's Preschool Partners Graduation Ceremony. Four years ago, Jeffrey had crossed the same stage to receive his diploma and now he was returning to support the other children who were going on to kindergarten.

"He's incredible. Jeffrey won the state championship for his age group this year. We are proud to say he started his academic career at our St. Lukes' Preschool Partners," says Lella Carl, Director.

Preschool Partners is a five-day a week program designed to prepare inner city children for kindergarten by teaching basic skills in reading and math. The children learn their colors, letters, numbers, calendar skills. Transportation and lunch are provided.

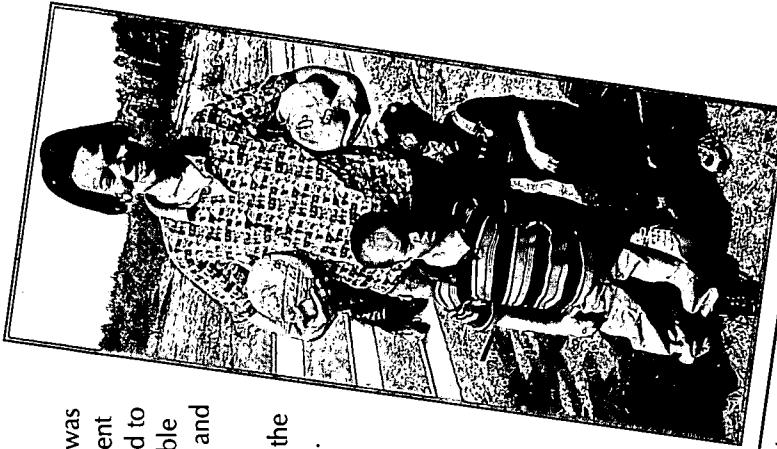
"The majority of our students have never attended preschool or day care. Most are cared for by a relative while their mothers work. Our program allows them to participate in a structured environment," says Mrs. Carl.

The major difference between the St. Lukes' program and other 4-year-old programs is the requirement that parents be involved. Every Monday, a parent or grandparent has his own class to attend.

"Attendance is mandatory. We know that children who do well in school have parents who are active and interested in their education. We line up speakers to address our parents on a variety of topics including stress management, alternative discipline, consumer credit counseling and even financial planning," says Carl.

The program also encourages family reading by having parents read to their children on Mondays during school. They get to keep the books they read and start their own collection at home.

The unique program began after members of St. Lukes' Episcopal Church were tutoring third graders in Birmingham Public Schools. They realized that to make



Ivanetta Bostick with her twins, Ki-Jana and Ki-Shaun.



Sharon Bester with her daughter, Tiaira.

a difference with children, early education was essential. New research on brain development and early learning shows that when exposed to good teaching, high risk preschoolers are able to catch up to their more advantaged peers and perform well in elementary school.

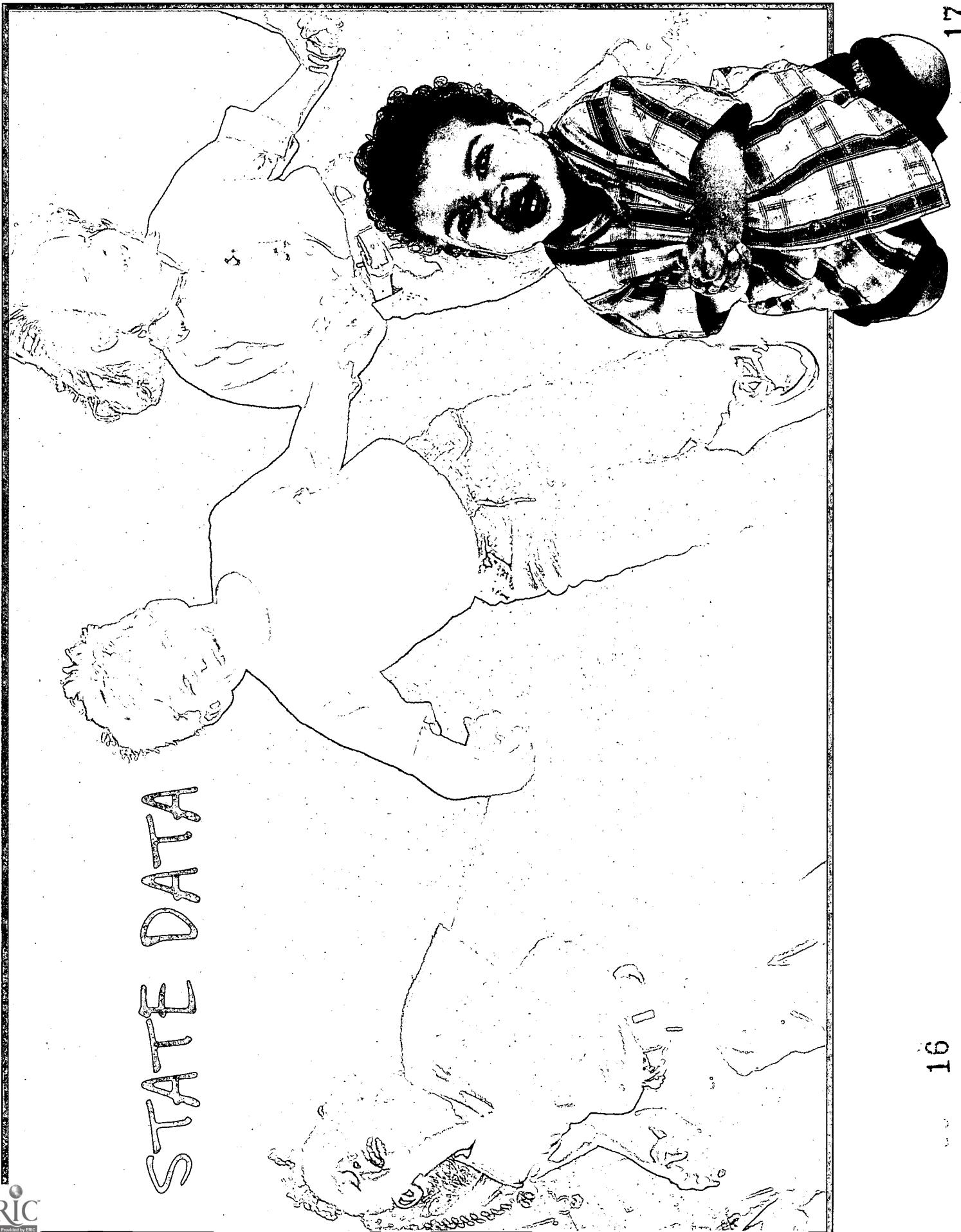
This fall, Lella Carl will spend a few days in the public schools to check up on her graduates. The work that she and her staff are doing makes things a little easier on the kindergarten teachers. Their dedication and the financial support of St. Lukes' Episcopal Church also paves the way for academic success for the youngsters enrolled in this important program.

NEW THIS YEAR

Two new child welfare indicators have been added to the Data Book this year: the "juvenile substance abuse arrest rate" (children under 18 arrested for the sale of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness) and the "juvenile substance abuse court referral rate" (children under 18 referred to the juvenile court system for the sale of illegal drugs, possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness). These variables are designed to provide information concerning the critical problems of alcohol and drug abuse within Alabama's teenage population. As will be readily apparent on the "County Pages" of this book, there are many counties throughout the state wherein both the arrest rate and the court referral rate for substance abuse violations are on the rise.

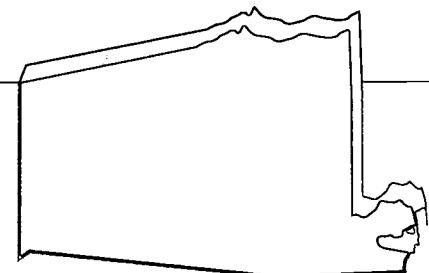
In addition, the "percentage of the population receiving food stamps" and "all reported instances of child abuse or neglect" (irrespective of whether child abuse or neglect was actually indicated) have been deleted from the Data Book. However, a new variable, "children with indication of abuse or neglect" has been added. This measure, we believe, gets closer to the actual number of children who are experiencing abuse or neglect than the more global approach of using "total reports." The "percentage of the population receiving food stamps" was dropped for two reasons. A good measure of child economic welfare is already included in the database in the form of "children in poverty." Plus, the food stamp measure as traditionally presented in the Data Book focusses on the total population and not just children (hence, deviates somewhat from our main focus). For those who have used these two indicators over the years and wish to continue doing so, the most recent data for each variable can be obtained by contacting the Alabama Kids Count office.

As a result of these adjustments, a county's rank last year cannot be compared totally with its rank this year. However, because the changes that we have made are minimal, there will be little overall effect on the year-to-year rankings.



**State
46
Ranking**

Alabama



INDICATOR	NUMBER	Rate	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	TREND
HEALTH	Infant mortality rate	756	607	12.1	9.8	—	
	Low weight births	5,171	5,800	8.3	9.3	W	
	Child health index	34,539	36,326	56.9	58.5	—	
	Births to unmarried teens	7,335	7,133	11.7	11.5	—	
EDUCATION	First grade retention	4,690	4,688	7.4	7.6		
	Event dropout rate	12,524	8,938	6.1	4.4	—	
	Projected dropout rate	14,384	10,194	22.1	16.7	—	
	SAFETY	Child death rate	301	302	36.2	36.8	—
DEMOGRAPHICS	Children with indication of abuse or neglect	16,639	9,350	15.9	8.3	—	
	Total state population	4,040,587	4,447,100				
	State child population	1,060,001	1,123,422				
	Children as percentage of Alabama's population	26.2%	25.3%				
The Children of Alabama	Under age 5	283,295	23.7%	295,992	23.6%		
	Ages 5-9	293,587	24.5%	315,345	25.1%		
	Ages 10-14	299,413	25.0%	320,252	25.5%		
	Ages 15-19	320,426	26.8%	324,580	25.8%		
	The diversity of Alabama's children						
	White	702,982	66.3%	711,149	63.3%		
	African American	342,751	32.3%	357,442	31.8%		
	Hispanic			24,875	2.2%		
	Other Races	14,268	1.3%	15,344	1.4%		
	More than one race			14,612	1.3%		
SECURITY	Juvenile violent crime	803	726	164.3	152.0	—	
	court referral rate			1,512	2,636	316.0	552.0
	juvenile substance abuse			2,832	5,701	571.1	1,170.7
	court referral rate						W
CHILDREN	Preventable teen death rate	248	268	76.0	84.0	—	
	Vulnerable families	4,477	3,654	16.7	14.2	—	
	Children receiving AFDC/TANF	92,978	35,476	7.8	2.8	—	
	Children in poverty	253,636	260,970	24.2	23.8	—	

Annie E. Casey Foundation

2001 National Kids Count Data Book

Alabama National Composite Rank 46

	1990	State	1998	1990	National	1998	Rank
Percent low-weight births	8.4	9.3		7.0	7.6		47
Infant mortality rate	10.8	10.2		9.2	7.2		50
Child death rate	39	34		31	24		47
Preventable teen death	102	78		71	54		44
Teen birth rate	47	41		37	30		45
Percent teen dropout	15	10		10	9		33
Idle teens	13	9		10	8		30
Under-employed parents	37	30		30	26		42
Children in poverty	24	24		20	20		41
Single parent families	24	29		24	27		40

Licensed Child Care by County

	Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Licensed Day Care Centers	Exempt Day Care Centers	Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Licensed Day Care Centers	Exempt Day Care Centers	Family Day Care Homes	Group Day Care Homes	Licensed Day Care Centers	Exempt Day Care Centers	
Autauga	40	5	13	4	Dallas	41	11	17	6	Marion	55	0	6
Baldwin	90	14	40	24	DeKalb	16	14	22	1	Marshall	25	6	26
Barbour	33	2	11	0	Elmore	59	0	17	14	Mobile	211	20	95
Bibb	10	0	3	2	Escambia	24	0	12	6	Monroe	15	8	7
Blount	25	0	5	3	Etowah	22	11	25	18	Montgomery	230	0	135
Bullock	3	0	5	3	Fayette	7	6	2	3	Morgan	48	1	36
Butler	42	3	6	2	Franklin	22	8	5	2	Perry	7	1	7
Calhoun	60	26	24	23	Geneva	14	13	13	1	Pickens	8	5	5
Chambers	15	16	13	2	Greene	3	2	4	1	Pike	49	15	7
Cherokee	4	2	8	3	Hale	26	5	4	2	Randolph	12	7	9
Chilton	11	5	11	2	Henry	13	3	6	2	Russell	22	5	16
Choctaw	7	2	7	0	Houston	45	1	61	18	St. Clair	15	8	10
Clarke	17	5	9	4	Jackson	24	17	13	6	Shelby	44	15	39
Clay	6	10	5	0	Jefferson	222	48	226	155	Sumter	4	2	9
Cleburne	12	2	3	1	Lamar	21	4	6	2	Talladega	16	26	23
Coffee	26	10	19	6	Lauderdale	14	6	14	11	Tallapoosa	56	0	15
Colbert	27	0	13	9	Lawrence	7	5	9	0	Tuscaloosa	61	8	45
Conecuh	6	5	6	0	Lee	100	4	36	5	Walker	5	8	13
Coosa	5	3	2	0	Limestone	29	7	10	5	Washington	5	9	4
Covington	29	6	13	3	Lowndes	7	0	1	1	Wilcox	4	2	3
Crenshaw	18	5	4	1	Macon	25	0	5	3	Winston	18	15	4
Cullman	21	0	22	6	Madison	169	9	84	29	TOTAL	2,384	463	1,377
Dale	42	0	15	7	Marengo	15	7	14	1				649

Data reported as of September, 2000.

Improved/Needs Improvement

Improved/Needs Improvement: In order to show the progress of Alabama, five indicators were chosen that have similar success rates in the data collection process. All counties were rank-ordered by how much they have improved from 1993 to 1999. These data were obtained by comparing the actual amounts and the rank positions from 1993-1995, and from 1997-1999.

The counties that appear under the "improved" headings are listed in order with the most improved at the top of the list. The counties under the "needs improvement" headings are listed with most needed improvement at the top of the list.

INFANT MORTALITY

Improved

- Hale County improved from 64th to 3rd.
- Cleburne County improved from 61st to 6th.
- Jackson County improved from 16th to 56th.
- Monroe County improved from 49th to 11th.
- Perry County improved from 63rd to 30th.

Needs Improvement

- Franklin dropped from 17th to 62th.
- Marion County dropped from 11th to 55th.
- Conecuh County dropped from 7th to 49th.

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

Improved

- Fayette County improved from 30th to 10th.

PERCENT LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS

Improved

- Calhoun County improved from 31st to 17th.
- Henry County improved from 46th to 32nd.
- Autauga County improved from 26th to 18th.
- Lamar County improved from 11th to 3rd.

Needs Improvement

- Cherokee County dropped from 8th to 36th.
- Coosa County dropped from 35th to 53th.

CHILD DEATH RATE

Improved

- Henry County improved from 64th to 2nd.
- Clay County improved from 53th to 1st.
- Dale County improved from 60th to 9th.
- Monroe County improved from 58th to 8th.
- Cleburne County improved from 65th to 18th.

Needs Improvement

- Lowndes County dropped from 4th to 65th.
- Covington dropped from 14th to 63th.

Needs Improvement

- Cherokee County dropped from 7th to 41st.
- Clarke County dropped from 33th to 54th.
- Henry County dropped from 21st to 40th.
- Pike County dropped from 43rd to 61st.
- Crenshaw County dropped from 27th to 45th.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

Improved

- Bibb County dropped from 6th to 42th.
- Houston County dropped from 5th to 37th.
- Dallas County dropped from 38th to 62nd.
- Escambia County dropped from 31st to 53rd.
- Lawrence County dropped from 23rd to 45th.

Needs Improvement

- Marengo County improved from 56th to 32nd.
- Calhoun County improved 31st to 12th.
- St. Clair County improved from 20th to 7th.
- Cleburne County improved from 16th to 4th.

HOW TO USE THIS DATA BOOK

The Alabama Kids Count 2001 Data Book presents seventeen indicators of child and family well-being. The indicators measure different risks faced by Alabama's infants, children, teens and families. The report is divided into four sections: the Introduction, the State profile, the County Profiles and Appendices. The Introduction summarizes the status of Alabama's children and their families from the perspective of VOICES. The State Profile presents statewide information about the condition of Alabama's 67 counties in alphabetical order. The Appendices include a map of overall county rankings, definitions and acknowledgements.

The state and county profile pages contain the most recent available data and historical data for each of the seventeen indicators. Actual numbers of children or events are presented along with rates or percentages that allow county-to-county comparisons. Base year numbers and rates serve as benchmarks to help measure change. The base year for the event dropout and projected dropout is 1995. The base year for the first-grade retention is 1998. The base year for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF is 1990. The base year for the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate is 1988. The base year for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate is 1991. The base year for the children's health index and vulnerable families is 1994. The base year for all other indicators is 1989.

Current year numbers and rates are the latest data that have been verified and made available. The current year for children in poverty is 1997. The current year for children receiving AFDC/TANF, event dropout rate, projected dropout, first-grade retention and children with indication of abuse or neglect is 2000. The current year for juvenile violent crime court referrals and juvenile substance abuse arrests is 1998. The current year for all other indicators is 1999. Counties are ranked on each indicator from best (1st) to worst (67th). If counties are tied, they share the same rank. Because the number of events can change a great deal each year in sparsely populated counties, three-year averages were used to determine most rankings.

There is an indication of trend for each indicator. The letters "I" and "W" indicate whether conditions are significantly improving or worsening. A dash(-) indicates the absence of any significant trend. The time span for the trend analysis is each of the years from 1990 through 2000 for children with indication of abuse or neglect and children receiving AFDC/TANF; 1994 through 1999 for the children's health index and vulnerable families; 1995 through 2000 for the event dropout and projected dropout rate; 1988 through 1998 for the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate; and 1991 through 1999 for the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate. Time span for trend analysis for all other indicators, except poverty, is 1989 through 1999. For poverty the years 1989, 1993, 1995, and 1997 were used. There is no trend analysis for first-grade retention due to the lack of historical data.

Indicator	Alabama County					
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	3	3	5.2	5.1	12	—
Low birth weight	40	37	6.9%	6.3%	9	—
Child health index	319	365	58.8%	62.4%	18	—
Births to unmarried teens	68	52	11.7%	8.9%	18	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	85	76	12.9%	9.9%	56	4,680 7.5%
Event dropout rate	136	106	6.8%	4.5%	51	—
Projected dropout rate	151	117	24.1%	16.5%	51	—
SAFETY						
Child death rate	1	1	12.7	11.0	7	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	196	57	19.6	4.6	4	1,930 6.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	43	92	920.6	1,713.9	67	—
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	354.0	621.1	23	W 5,701 1,170.7
Violent Crime						
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	11	21.1	204.9	59	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	22	229.1	429.9	27	W 3,376 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	0	135.4	0.0	31	—
SECURITY						
Violent families	32	33	12.7%	14.8%	31	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	652	274	5.9%	2.0%	23	—
Children in poverty	2,156	2,091	21.5%	17.4%	4	—

Page 12 VOICES For Alabama's Children □ Alabama Kids Count □ 2001 Data Book

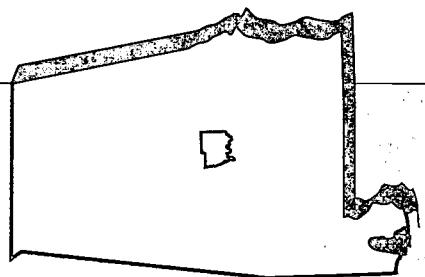
Current state numbers and rates are included to allow easy county-state comparisons. Population figures from the 1990 and 2000 Censuses are presented for every county.

COUNT PAGES



County
11
Ranking

Autauga County



Demographics

Total county population

County child population

Children as percentage of
Autauga County's population

The children of Autauga County

Under age 5

Ages 5-9

Ages 10-14

Ages 15-19

The diversity of Autauga
County's children

White

African American

Hispanic

Other Races

More than one race

Indicator

Number

Base Year

Current Year

Rate

Base Year

Current Year

Rank

Trend

Number

State

Rate

Rate

Health

Infant mortality rate

3

3

5.2

5.1

12

—

607

9.8

Low weight births

40

37

6.9%

6.3%

9

—

5,800

9.3%

Child health index

339

365

58.8%

62.4%

18

—

36,326

58.5%

Births to unmarried teens

68

52

11.7%

8.9%

18

—

7,133

11.5%

Education

First grade retention

85

76

12.9%

9.9%

56

4,688

7.6%

Event dropout rate

136

106

6.8%

4.5%

53

—

8,938

4.4%

Projected dropout rate

151

117

24.1%

16.5%

51

—

10,194

16.7%

Safety

Child death rate

1

1

12.7

11.0

7

—

302

36.8

Children with indication
of abuse or neglect

196

57

19.6

4.6

4

1

9,350

8.3

Juvenile substance abuse
arrest rate

43

92

950.6

1,713.9

67

—

2,636

552.0

Juvenile substance abuse
court referral rate

17

35

354.0

652.1

23

W

5,701

1,170.7

Juvenile violent crime
arrest rate

1

11

21.1

204.9

59

—

726

152.0

Juvenile violent crime
court referral rate

11

22

229.1

409.9

27

W

3,396

697.4

Preventable teen death rate

4

0

135.4

0.0

23

—

268

84.0

Security

Vulnerable families

32

33

12.7%

14.8%

31

—

3,654

14.2%

Children receiving
AFDC/TANF

652

274

5.8%

2.0%

23

—

35,476

2.8%

Children in poverty

2,156

2,091

21.5%

17.4%

4

—

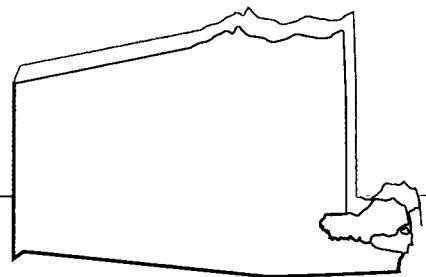
260,970

23.8%

County
15
Ranking

Baldwin County

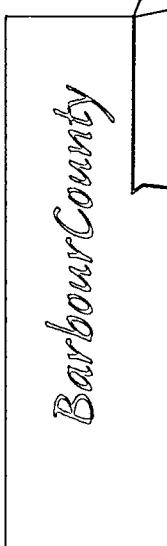
WOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	15	20	10.6	11.1	57	—
Low weight births	96	137	6.8%	7.6%	15	W
Child health index	856	1,047	58.4%	57.9%	23	—
Births to unmarried teens	125	188	8.9%	10.4%	25	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	166	137	9.1%	7.6%	37	4,688
Event dropout rate	435	293	7.6%	4.7%	38	—
Projected dropout rate	518	363	27.8%	18.1%	38	—
SAFETY						
Child death rate	6	11	30.3	43.3	28	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	471	226	18.6	6.6	30	1
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	104	225	898.5	1,504.7	66	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	120	218	1,031.0	1,456.1	63	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	21	60.0	140.4	38	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	46	52	395.2	347.3	25	—
Preventable teen death rate	5	8	68.2	87.2	41	—
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	73	101	11.4%	13.6%	20	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,185	265	4.2%	0.7%	2	1
Children in poverty	5,286	5,614	20.9%	16.7%	2	—



2000
1990
1980
1970
1960
1950
1940
1930
1920
1910
1900
1890
1880
1870
1860
1850
1840
1830
1820
1810
1800
1790
1780
1770
1760
1750
1740
1730
1720
1710
1700
1690
1680
1670
1660
1650
1640
1630
1620
1610
1600
1590
1580
1570
1560
1550
1540
1530
1520
1510
1500
1490
1480
1470
1460
1450
1440
1430
1420
1410
1400
1390
1380
1370
1360
1350
1340
1330
1320
1310
1300
1290
1280
1270
1260
1250
1240
1230
1220
1210
1200
1190
1180
1170
1160
1150
1140
1130
1120
1110
1100
1090
1080
1070
1060
1050
1040
1030
1020
1010
1000
990
980
970
960
950
940
930
920
910
900
890
880
870
860
850
840
830
820
810
800
790
780
770
760
750
740
730
720
710
700
690
680
670
660
650
640
630
620
610
600
590
580
570
560
550
540
530
520
510
500
490
480
470
460
450
440
430
420
410
400
390
380
370
360
350
340
330
320
310
300
290
280
270
260
250
240
230
220
210
200
190
180
170
160
150
140
130
120
110
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0

	1990	2000
Total county population	98,280	140,415
County child population	25,455	34,320
Children as percentage of Baldwin County's population	25.9%	24.4%
The children of Baldwin County		
Under age 5	6,753	23.8%
Ages 5-9	7,091	24.9%
Ages 10-14	7,264	25.6%
Ages 15-19	7,321	25.8%
The diversity of Baldwin County's children		
White	20,452	80.3%
African American	4,641	18.2%
Hispanic		9,486
Other Races		10,144
More than one race		763
		25.2%
		26.9%
		13.7%
		2.2%
		1.2%
		436
		1.3%

Barbour County

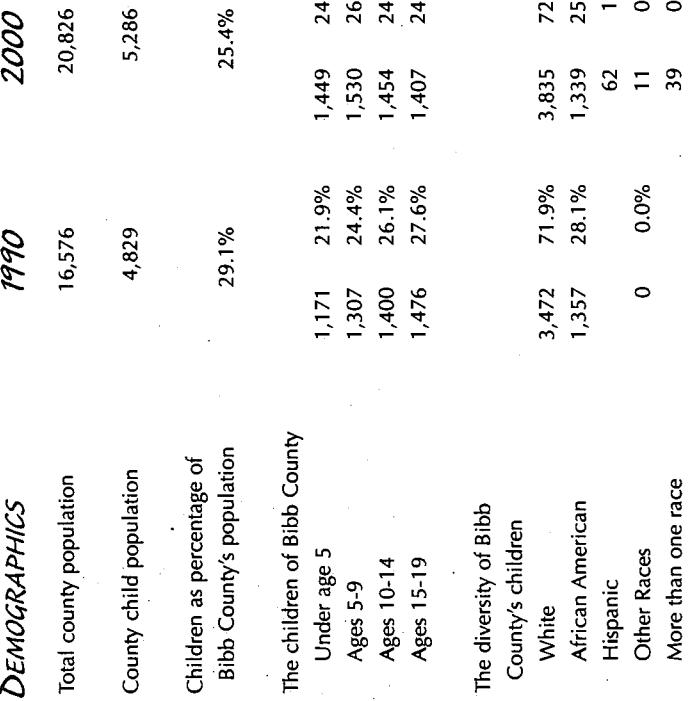


Indicator	Number	Rate		Rank	Trend	State Number	Rate
		Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	5	1	12.2	2.8	7	—	607
Low weight births	34	41	8.3%	11.6%	60	—	5,800
Child health index	209	197	51.5%	55.8%	34	—	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	70	63	17.0%	17.8%	58	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	34	33	7.6%	8.6%	41	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	102	45	7.6%	3.4%	9	—	8,938
Projected dropout rate	125	54	25.7%	12.0%	9	—	10,194
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	0	51.3	0.0	45	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	255	57	34.5	7.7	41	1	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	42	90.4	1,335.5	65	W	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	36	197.9	1,106.0	45	W	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	41	—	726
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	12	10	339.3	307.2	41	—	3,396
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	47.0	50.0	55	—	268
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	43	32	27.7%	22.1%	60	1	3,654
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	872	306	10.6%	3.7%	52	1	35,476
Children in poverty	2,353	2,340	32.6%	32.8%	55	—	260,970

County
43
Ranking

Bibb County

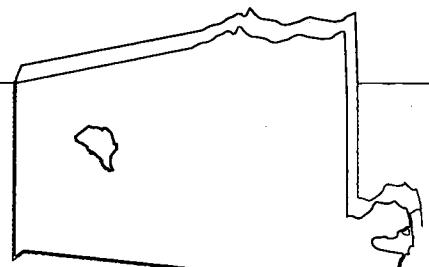
ATOR	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	Rate
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	4	4	14.9	11.8	41	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	17	39	6.3%	11.5%	42	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	130	168	54.9%	49.7%	62	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	23	43	8.6%	12.7%	34	—	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	33	33	9.6%	10.1%	57	—	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	63	32	6.6%	3.5%	27	—	8,918 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	77	41	21.9%	12.7%	27	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	49.6	44	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	28	97	5.9	18.4	58	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	5	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	10	38	427.7	1,521.2	56	W	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	10	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	35	171.1	1,401.1	62	W	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	202.7	185.0	63	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	23	24	19.8%	16.4%	33	—	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	280	136	5.2%	2.3%	24	—	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	1,292	1,312	27.4%	24.8%	33	1	260,970 23.8%



2000		1990		1986	
Total county population	16,576			4,829	5,286
County child population					
Children as percentage of Bibb County's population				29.1%	25.4%
The children of Bibb County					
Under age 5	1,171	21.9%	1,449	24.8%	
Ages 5-9	1,307	24.4%	1,530	26.2%	
Ages 10-14	1,400	26.1%	1,454	24.9%	
Ages 15-19	1,476	27.6%	1,407	24.1%	
The diversity of Bibb County's children					
White	3,472	71.9%	3,835	72.6%	
African American	1,357	28.1%	1,339	25.3%	
Hispanic			62	1.2%	
Other Races	0	0.0%	11	0.2%	
More than one race			39	0.7%	

County
6
Ranking

Blount County



Demographics

Total county population
County child population

Children as percentage of
Blount County's population

The children of Blount County
Under age 5
Ages 5-9
Ages 10-14
Ages 15-19

The diversity of Blount
County's children
White
African American
Hispanic
Other Races
More than one race

Indicator	Number		Rate Base Year	Rate Current Year	Rank	Trend	State Number	Rate
	Base Year	Current Year						
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	9	9.8	14.5	47	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	36	59	7.1%	9.5%	23	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	343	382	57.8%	61.4%	6	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	39	5.9%	6.3%	4	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	21	71	2.9%	9.8%	33	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	113	137	5.5%	6.5%	48	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	123	159	20.1%	23.6%	47	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	5	4	64.6	45.8	16	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	200	91	20.1	7.0	25	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	12	325.6	224.8	39	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	29	54	600.5	1,011.0	24	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	11	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	21	20.7	393.2	14	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	96.4	88.4	22	1	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	22	24	8.3%	16.4%	8	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	254	197	2.3%	1.4%	13	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,807	2,323	18.2%	20.1%	11	—	260,970	23.8%

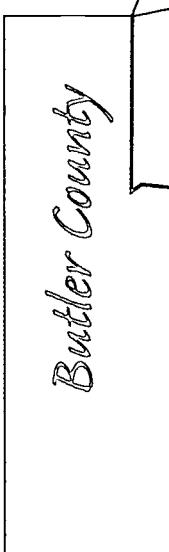
County
55
 Ranking

Bullock County

ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	8	4	38.3	26.5	60	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	27	14	12.9%	9.3%	64	—	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	95	71	55.6%	47.0%	65	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	38	27	18.2%	17.9%	62	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	43	29	21.8%	18.7%	67		4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	18	20	3.8%	4.2%	21	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	20	21	13.6%	15.8%	22	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	1	2	37.7	82.2	52	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	89	25	26.6	8.2	5	1	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	11	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	3	0.0	216.8	3	—	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	73.3	23	—	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	4	0.0	289.0	23	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	0	1	0.0	119.0	8	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	29	15	37.2%	25.9%	67	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	718	266	19.4%	7.9%	61	1	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	1,718	1,114	50.8%	34.2%	58	—	260,970	23.8%	

County
48
Ranking

Butler County

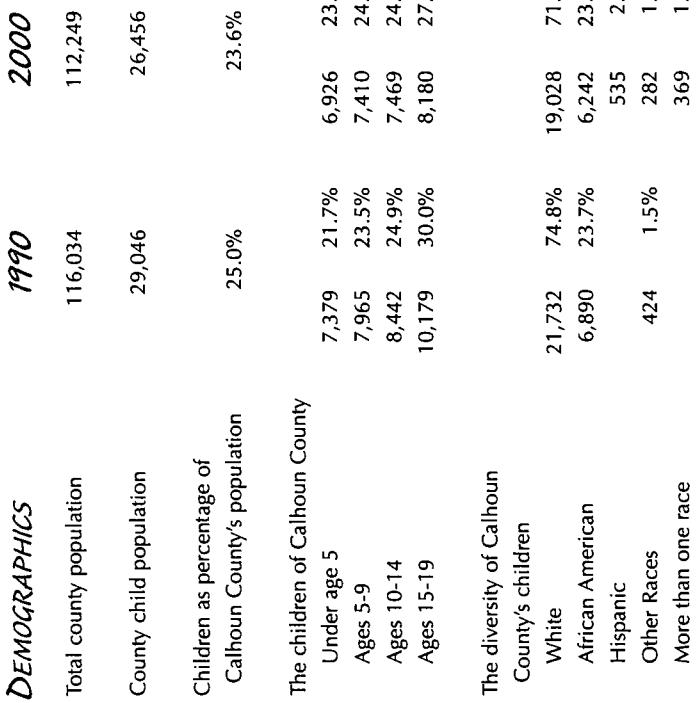


INDICATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	10	3	30.8	9.7	14	1	607	9.8		
Low weight births	40	22	12.3%	7.1%	25	—	5,800	9.3%		
Child health index	136	144	49.8%	46.8%	47	—	36,326	58.5%		
Births to unmarried teens	56	51	17.2%	16.6%	54	—	7,133	11.5%		
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	36	24	11.6%	9.6%	50		4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	108	115	8.6%	10.3%	64	—	8,938	4.4%		
Projected dropout rate	115	114	30.2%	34.6%	64	—	10,194	16.7%		
SAFETY										
Child death rate	7	3	135.1	63.8	50	—	302	36.8		
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	204	44	31.3	7.6	31	1	9,350	8.3		
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	7	7	241.0	258.9	35	—	2,636	552.0		
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	5	99.1	179.1	7	—	5,701	1,170.7		
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	74.0	54	—	726	152.0		
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	28	22	24.1%	17.1%	48	1	3,654	14.2%		
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	913	200	12.6%	3.2%	45	1	35,476	2.8%		
Children in poverty	2,791	1,953	42.6%	30.8%	53	—	260,970	23.8%		

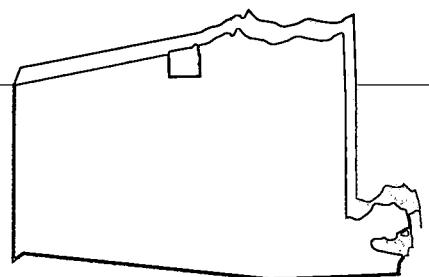
County
31
Ranking

Calhoun County

ATOR	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
								NUMBER	Rate
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	25	10	14.4	6.3	49	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	130	113	7.5%	7.1%	19	—	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	864	880	53.6%	55.4%	38	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	210	145	12.1%	9.1%	17	1	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	104	124	6.1%	7.6%	35	4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	363	283	6.5%	5.7%	39	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	399	315	22.9%	21.3%	37	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	7	1	30.6	4.8	11	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	578	295	20.1	11.2	57	—	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	74	43	508.0	340.1	48	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	191	194	1,348.8	1,486.4	59	W	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	35	15	251.8	118.7	51	1	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	90	88	635.6	674.2	47	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	9	5	85.7	55.4	38	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	122	68	16.7%	10.%	12	1	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,172	937	6.4%	3.1%	39	1	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	5,511	6,937	19.2%	24.5%	30	—	260,970	23.8%	



Chambers County



DEMOCRAPHICS

Total county population

County child population

Children as percentage of
Chambers County's population

The children of Chambers County

Under age 5	2,418	22.4%	2,430	24.3%
Ages 5-9	2,636	24.4%	2,604	26.1%
Ages 10-14	2,748	25.4%	2,475	24.8%
Ages 15-19	3,010	27.8%	2,480	24.8%

The diversity of Chambers
County's children

White	5,008	52.4%	4,666	51.7%
African American	4,539	47.5%	4,169	46.2%
Hispanic			84	0.9%
Other Races	12	0.1%	33	0.4%
More than one race			65	0.7%

INDICATOR

HEALTH

	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
Infant mortality rate	12	6	19.9	12.7	21	1	607	9.8	
Low weight births	54	41	8.9%	8.7%	35	—	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	298	257	55.2%	54.3%	22	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	104	85	17.2%	18.0%	59	—	7,133	11.5%	

EDUCATION

	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate	
First grade retention	27	9	5.5%	1.9%	8	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	92	66	5.7%	4.5%	28	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	111	78	20.0%	16.3%	26	—	10,194	16.7%

SAFETY

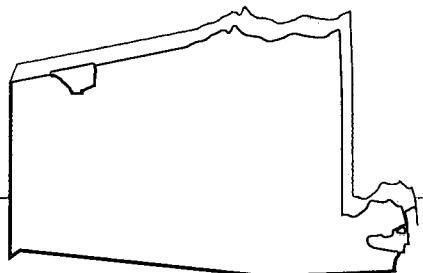
	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate	
Child death rate	6	2	79.7	30.1	10	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	217	75	22.8	8.3	33	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	39	51	881.6	1,228.3	60	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	38	86	792.6	2,002.8	44	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	5	128.0	120.4	42	—	726	152.0

	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	16	208.6	372.6	46	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	32.7	72.3	6	—	268	84.0
Vulnerable families	56	50	24.6%	25.6%	57	—	3,654	14.2%

	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	841	324	7.8%	3.2%	40	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,623	2,285	27.7%	24.7%	32	—	260,970	23.8%

County
50
Ranking

Cherokee County



2000

1990

Demographics

1990

2000

2000

1990

2000

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

ATOR		NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
HEALTH												
Infant mortality rate	5	3	23.5	11.0	17	—	607	9.8				
Low weight births	11	21	5.2%	7.7%	28	—	5,800	9.3%				
Child health index	135	149	56.0%	54.6%	26	—	36,326	58.5%				
Births to unmarried teens	13	44	6.1%	16.1%	36	W	7,133	11.5%				
EDUCATION												
First grade retention	6	25	2.0%	6.9%	10	—	4,688	7.6%				
Event dropout rate	78	80	6.5%	7.6%	65	—	8,938	4.4%				
Projected dropout rate	90	87	23.9%	28.0%	66	W	10,194	16.7%				
SAFETY												
Child death rate	1	4	27.5	109.1	51	—	302	36.8				
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	144	125	30.9	23.5	67	1	9,350	8.3				
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	1	43.8	41.8	10	—	2,636	552.0				
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	16	36	668.9	1,464.0	35	—	5,701	1,170.7				
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	16	—	726	152.0				
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	3	41.8	122.0	1	—	3,396	697.4				
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	195.2	65.5	48	—	268	84.0				
SECURITY												
Vulnerable families	7	23	5.7%	16.7%	41	—	3,654	14.2%				
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	138	123	2.6%	2.1%	31	—	35,476	2.8%				
Children in poverty	946	1,265	20.5%	25.0%	34	—	260,970	23.8%				

County
20
Ranking

Chilton County

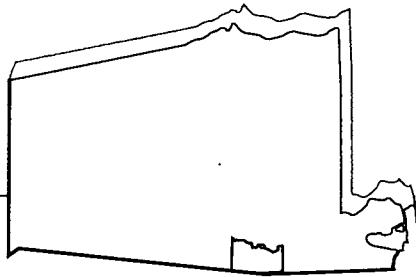
Ranking

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	Rate
	Base Year	Current Year					
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.9	12.3	35	—	607
Low weight births	24	34	5.3%	7.0%	34	—	5,800
Child health index	230	252	49.0%	51.7%	55	—	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	40	42	8.9%	8.6%	22	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	6	49	1.1%	8.1%	18	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	128	107	7.1%	6.3%	49	—	8,938
Projected dropout rate	134	116	25.1%	23.4%	50	—	10,194
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	5	29.8	68.5	60	W	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	195	82	22.7	8.1	22	1	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	1	124.8	22.2	20	—	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	35	406.3	772.5	28	—	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	22	—	726
THE CHILDREN OF CHILTON COUNTY							
Under age 5	2,199	22.8%	2,734	24.5%			
Ages 5-9	2,332	24.1%	2,838	25.4%			
Ages 10-14	2,575	26.7%	2,896	25.9%			
Ages 15-19	2,553	26.4%	2,710	24.2%			
THE DIVERSITY OF CHILTON COUNTY'S CHILDREN							
White	7,419	84.9%	8,323	81.9%			
African American	1,305	14.9%	1,364	13.4%			
Hispanic	11	0.1%	62	0.6%			
Other Races			77	0.8%			
Vulnerable families	31	33	15.7%	16.3%	35	—	3,654
SECURITY							
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	440	180	4.6%	1.6%	27	1	35,476
Children in poverty	1,658	2,344	19.3%	24.2%	27	—	260,970

County
30
Ranking

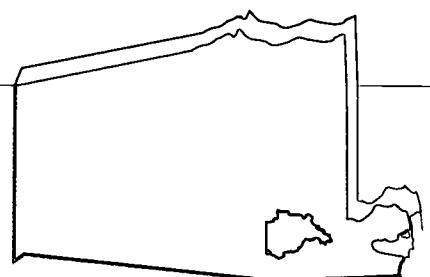
Choctaw County

ATOR	Base Year	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number		Rate
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	5	0	21.8	0.0	1	607
Low weight births	18	17	7.9%	8.4%	36	—
Child health index	122	118	57.5%	58.1%	24	—
Births to unmarried teens	28	31	12.2%	15.3%	45	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	23	12	10.9%	5.6%	47	4,688
Event dropout rate	43	63	4.8%	9.4%	61	—
Projected dropout rate	46	69	18.2%	32.0%	61	—
SAFETY						
Child death rate	1	3	27.3	96.5	26	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	38	12	8.2	2.9	14	—
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	7	41.4	324.8	10	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	9	82.8	417.6	11	W
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	62	—
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	17	12	16.3%	14.6%	38	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	621	153	11.8%	3.3%	48	1
Children in poverty	1,757	1,316	37.9%	29.6%	49	—



	1990	2000
Total county population	16,018	15,922
County child population	4,648	4,148
Children as percentage of Choctaw County's population	29.0%	26.1%
The children of Choctaw County		
Under age 5	1,136	21.6%
Ages 5-9	1,232	23.5%
Ages 10-14	1,396	26.6%
Ages 15-19	1,484	28.3%
The diversity of Choctaw County's children		
White	2,210	47.5%
African American	2,435	52.4%
Hispanic		1,074
Other Races	3	0.1%
More than one race		1,161
		24

Clarke County

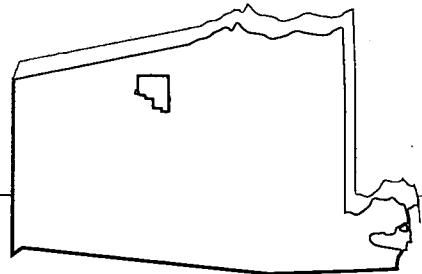


Indicator	Number	Rate	Rank	Trend	State Number	Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	5	4	11.0	9.3	33	—
Low weight births	39	40	8.6%	9.3%	29	—
Child health index	216	234	50.0%	54.2%	36	—
Births to unmarried teens	74	71	16.3%	16.4%	49	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	62	53	12.4%	10.8%	60	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	43	23	2.5%	1.6%	8	— 8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	50	28	9.8%	6.1%	8	— 10,194 16.7%
SAFETY						
Child death rate	5	3	78.1	49.5	61	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	143	63	17.7	8.1	27	1 9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	5	19	131.1	500.4	38	— 2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	49.5	286.8	9	— 5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	2	25.1	52.7	40	— 726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	11	123.7	286.8	12	— 3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	200.8	40.7	20	— 268 84.0
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	34	34	18.0%	21.4%	54	— 3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,090	553	12.0%	6.3%	60	1 35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,608	2,457	32.0%	29.9%	50	— 260,970 55 23.8%

County
3
Ranking

Clay County

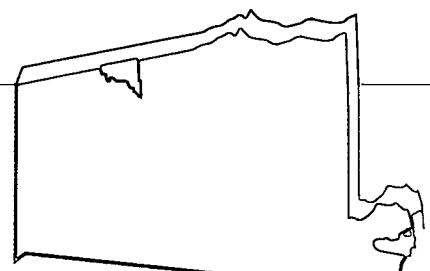
Indicator	Number	Rate	Rank	Trend	State
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	3	0	16.9	0.0	31
Low weight births	13	9	7.3%	5.4%	5
Child health index	96	86	54.9%	51.8%	51
Births to unmarried teens	22	14	12.4%	8.4%	23
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	12	29	6.3%	13.6%	51
Event dropout rate	53	33	7.1%	4.2%	3
Projected dropout rate	53	35	26.1%	16.1%	3
SAFETY					
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	42	49	12.7	14.4	60
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	255.1	15
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	20	7	1,182.0	434.0	11
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	5	236.4	310.0	34
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	277.6	196.9	42
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	9	7	11.3%	9.6%	14
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	159	66	4.3%	1.7%	29
Children in poverty	642	727	19.8%	21.8%	18



	1990	2000
DEMOCRAPHICS		
Total county population	13,252	14,254
County child population	3,307	3,397
Children as percentage of Clay County's population	25.0%	23.8%
The children of Clay County		
Under age 5	788	21.2%
Ages 5-9	918	24.7%
Ages 10-14	957	25.7%
Ages 15-19	1,056	28.4%
The diversity of Clay County's children		
White	2,571	77.7%
African American	732	22.1%
Hispanic	4	0.1%
Other Races	57	1.7%
More than one race	16	0.5%
	40	1.2%

County
7
Ranking

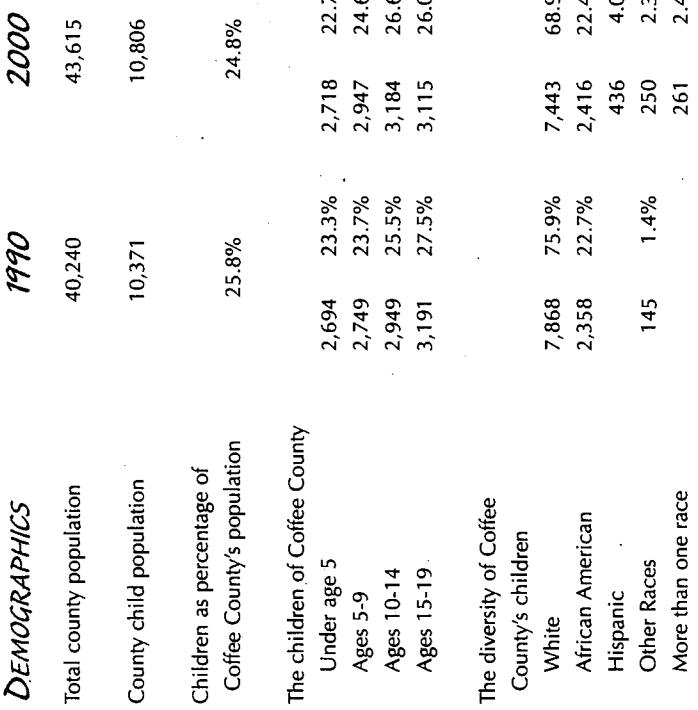
Cleburne County



INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	2	1	12.5	5.3	6 — 607 9.8
Low weight births	9	15	5.6%	8.0%	21 W 5,800 9.3%
Child health index	82	90	59.4%	48.1%	56 — 36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	11	9	6.9%	4.8%	2 — 7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	17	24	7.3%	11.3%	40 4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	22	40	3.1%	5.7%	44 — 8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	24	45	12.1%	20.8%	46 — 10,194 16.7%
SAFETY					
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	18 — 302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	121	85	37.0	24.7	66 — 9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	4	3	264.7	183.6	12 — 2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	6	15	375.6	908.5	14 — 5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	61.2	55 — 726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	6	0.0	363.4	22 — 3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	1	292.4	96.9	4 — 268 84.0
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	9	6	15.5%	7.4%	4 — 3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	137	53	3.7%	1.4%	9 1 35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	577	782	17.5%	21.4%	15 — 260,970 23.8%

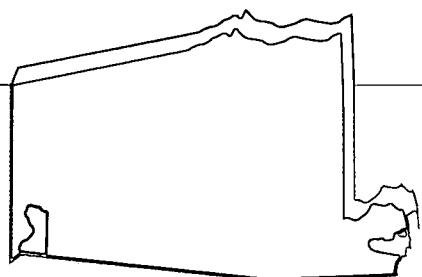
County
14
RankingCounty
14
Ranking

	NUMBER	Rate	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	5	2	8.9	3.5	26
Low weight births	53	48	9.4%	8.3%	4
Child health index	302	332	52.1%	57.6%	30
Births to unmarried teens	49	46	8.7%	8.0%	29
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	29	35	4.3%	5.6%	13
Event dropout rate	139	143	5.6%	5.9%	36
Projected dropout rate	146	141	20.9%	22.3%	40
SAFETY					
Child death rate	3	0	37.6	0.0	3
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	165	98	16.1	9.1	40
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	26	462.4	555.8	54
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	49	75	975.4	1,558.9	51
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	9	40.4	192.4	45
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	19	18	378.2	374.1	18
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	66.8	51
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	24	23	9.1%	9.8%	22
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	532	337	4.6%	2.8%	33
Children in poverty	1,947	2,391	19.0%	23.1%	23



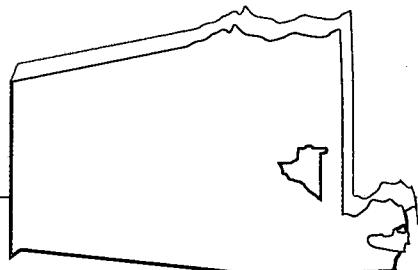
County
28
 Ranking

Colbert County



INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	6	8	8.6	11.5	36	—
Low weight births	73	77	10.5%	11.0%	41	—
Child health index	434	429	64.3%	61.5%	10	—
Births to unmarried teens	66	88	9.5%	12.6%	31	W
					7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	64	54	8.6%	8.5%	38	4,688
Projected dropout rate	145	122	18.3%	18.1%	45	—
Event dropout rate	125	114	5.0%	4.9%	46	—
					8,938	4.4%
					10,194	16.7%
SAFETY						
Child death rate	3	3	29.9	33.0	14	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	137	82	11.0	6.3	9	—
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	22	31	395.3	589.8	49	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	2	11	32.6	202.8	5	—
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	6	0.0	114.2	44	W
					726	152.0
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	40	54	12.7%	17.9%	44	W
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	507	98	3.6%	0.7%	3	1
Children in poverty	2,479	2,590	19.9%	21.0%	13	—
					63	23.8%

Conceah County



1990

2000

Child death rate	2	2	64.1	72.4	49	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	39	67	10.0	18.4	65	W	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	6	0.0	356.7	31	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	8	17	403.4	968.7	15	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	46	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	6	100.9	341.9	7	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	6	1	518.7	99.3	3	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	16	7	18.4%	9.1%	39	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	459	400	10.6%	9.9%	67	—	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,406	1,479	36.8%	39.2%	60	—	260,970	23.8%

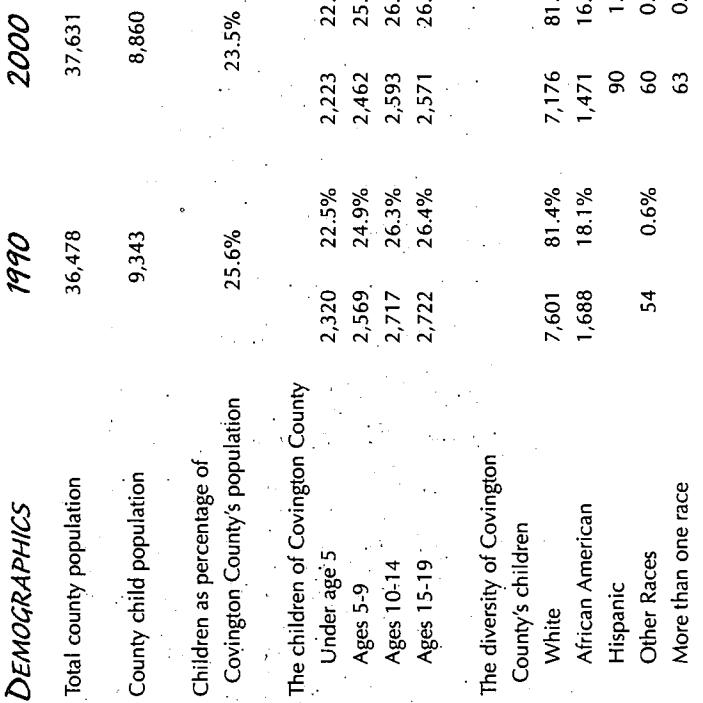
total county population	14,054	14,089
County child population	3,838	3,648
Children as percentage of Conecuh County's population	27.3%	25.9%
The children of Conecuh County		
Under age 5	943	21.8%
Ages 5-9	1,088	25.1%
Ages 10-14	1,184	27.4%
Ages 15-19	1,112	25.7%

The diversity of Conecuh County's children	
White	1,784
African American	2,054
Hispanic	
Other Races	0
More than one race	35

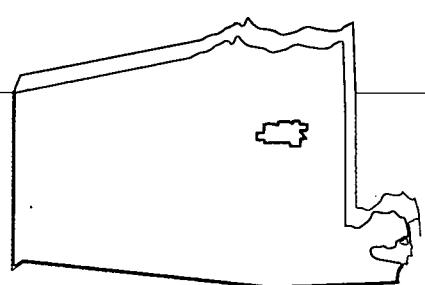
County
45
Ranking

Covington County

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	4	2	7.6	4.4	13
Low weight births	27	35	5.1%	7.8%	16
Child health index	254	287	52.3%	63.8%	19
Births to unmarried teens	61	40	11.5%	8.9%	38
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	38	25	6.9%	4.7%	15
Event dropout rate	110	118	5.4%	6.2%	57
Projected dropout rate	130	135	19.3%	22.9%	58
SAFETY					
Child death rate	1	4	13.9	58.7	63
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	204	65	22.3	7.3	42
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	20	140.4	483.0	45
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	67	80	1,504.2	1,899.3	67
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	5	90.9	120.7	28
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	46	22	21.5%	11.8%	37
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	662	241	6.4%	2.4%	35
Children in poverty	2,633	2,612	28.3%	28.3%	45



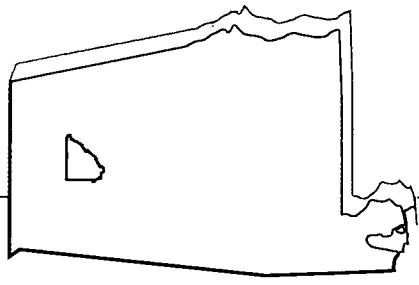
Crenshaw County



Indicator	Base Year	Current Year	Rate	Rank		Trend	Number	State Rate
				Number	Current Year			
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	0	3	0.0	16.6	52	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	17	15	9.2%	8.3%	10	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	102	100	61.4%	55.2%	49	W	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	30	21	16.3%	11.6%	43	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	22	12	11.5%	6.5%	32	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	41	25	5.6%	3.7%	37	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	48	25	20.8%	14.1%	36	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	—	2	0	70.0	0.0	19	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	98	43	27.3	12.8	61	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	2	0.0	124.1	29	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	12	—	726	152.0
DEMOGRAPHICS								
2000	13,665	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1990	13,635	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total county population	13,635	13,665	—	—	—	—	—	—
County child population	3,637	3,372	—	—	—	—	—	—
Children as percentage of Crenshaw County's population	26.7%	24.7%	—	—	—	—	—	—
The children of Crenshaw County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Under age 5	896	22.1%	803	21.6%	—	—	—	—
Ages 5-9	992	24.5%	971	26.2%	—	—	—	—
Ages 10-14	1,074	26.5%	985	26.5%	—	—	—	—
Ages 15-19	1,084	26.8%	953	25.7%	—	—	—	—
The diversity of Crenshaw County's children	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White	2,440	67.1%	2,318	68.7%	—	—	—	—
African American	1,197	32.9%	949	28.1%	—	—	—	—
Hispanic	—	—	33	1.0%	—	—	—	—
Other Races	0	0.0%	33	1.0%	—	—	—	—
More than one race	—	—	39	1.2%	—	—	—	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	352	90	8.7%	2.4%	36	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,077	1,064	29.7%	29.9%	50	—	260,970	23.8%

County
2
Ranking

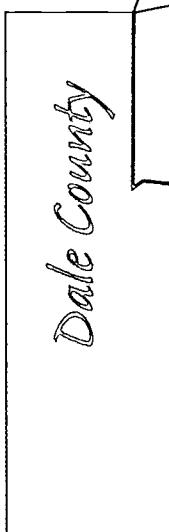
Cullman County



ATOR	NUMBER	RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
		Base Year	Current Year					
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	8	7	9.1	6.9	18	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	57	84	6.5%	8.3%	17	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	507	550	58.6%	54.5%	37	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	37	75	4.2%	7.4%	8	W	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	57	78	5.9%	7.5%	30	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	202	175	5.8%	5.1%	6	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	220	195	21.5%	19.0%	6	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	9	15.0	64.9	36	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	208	177	12.4	9.4	36	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	31	204.6	379.1	37	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	109	95	1,356.8	1,142.8	32	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	3	25.2	36.7	17	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	20	46	249.0	553.4	28	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	58.1	57.9	16	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	32	51	8.2%	11.1%	15	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	303	159	1.6%	0.8%	4	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,901	3,470	17.4%	18.9%	6	—	260,970	23.8%

County
44
Ranking

Dale County

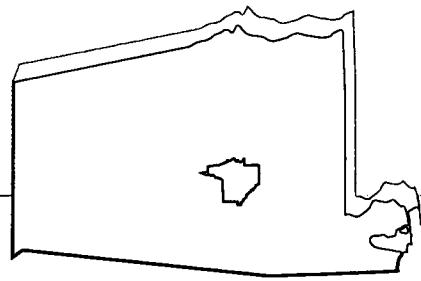


INDICATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	9	7	10.6	9.6	61	—	607	9.8		
Low weight births	50	58	5.9%	8.0%	12	W	5,800	9.3%		
Child health index	438	433	55.0%	59.5%	12	—	36,326	58.5%		
Births to unmarried teens	56	54	6.6%	7.4%	19	—	7,133	11.5%		
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	29	35	4.8%	6.6%	21		4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	120	105	5.2%	4.6%	30	—	8,938	4.4%		
Projected dropout rate	130	113	19.3%	17.1%	30	—	10,194	16.7%		
SAFETY										
Child death rate	6	2	54.2	20.0	9	—	302	36.8		
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	272	151	19.8	11.6	52	I	9,350	8.3		
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	45	555.2	877.4	58	—	2,636	552.0		
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	40	108	687.4	2,067.8	62	W	5,701	1,170.7		
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	8	86.8	156.0	56	—	726	152.0		
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	29	42	498.4	804.1	59	—	3,396	697.4		
Preventable teen death rate	2	6	50.9	181.8	50	—	268	84.0		
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	50	24	13.9%	10.3%	17	—	3,654	14.2%		
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	674	404	4.3%	2.8%	41	I	35,476	2.8%		
Children in poverty	2,759	3,446	20.1%	26.2%	38	—	260,970	23.8%		

County
65
Ranking

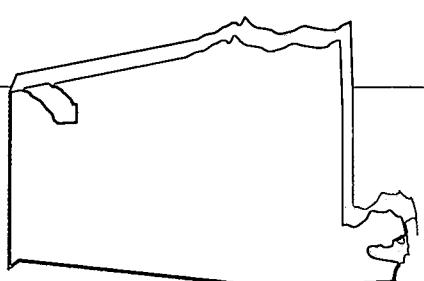
Dallas County

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	18	12	19.8	14.9	50
Low weight births	74	100	8.2%	12.4%	62
Child health index	453	426	58.8%	52.9%	48
Births to unmarried teens	176	173	19.4%	21.5%	63
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	48	88	5.7%	10.8%	53
Event dropout rate	152	104	5.8%	4.1%	22
Projected dropout rate	177	121	20.6%	15.0%	20
SAFETY					
Child death rate	3	3	25.0	28.8	23
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	328	111	22.0	8.4	16
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	45	17	665.0	275.1	34
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	61	245.1	967.0	43
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	10	9	139.8	145.7	61
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	69	67	939.6	1,062.1	66
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	22.0	50.7	27
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	116	85	33.7%	27.3%	62
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	4,023	1,156	23.9%	7.8%	62
Children in poverty	7,325	5,467	49.3%	39.2%	60



	1990	2000
Total county population	48,130	46,365
County child population	15,069	13,253
Children as percentage of Dallas County's population	31.3%	28.6%
The children of Dallas County		
Under age 5	3,870	23.0%
Ages 5-9	4,276	25.4%
Ages 10-14	4,310	25.6%
Ages 15-19	4,388	26.1%
The diversity of Dallas County's children		
White	4,713	31.3%
African American	10,308	68.4%
Hispanic		
Other Races	48	0.3%
More than one race		

County
9
Ranking



Dekalb County

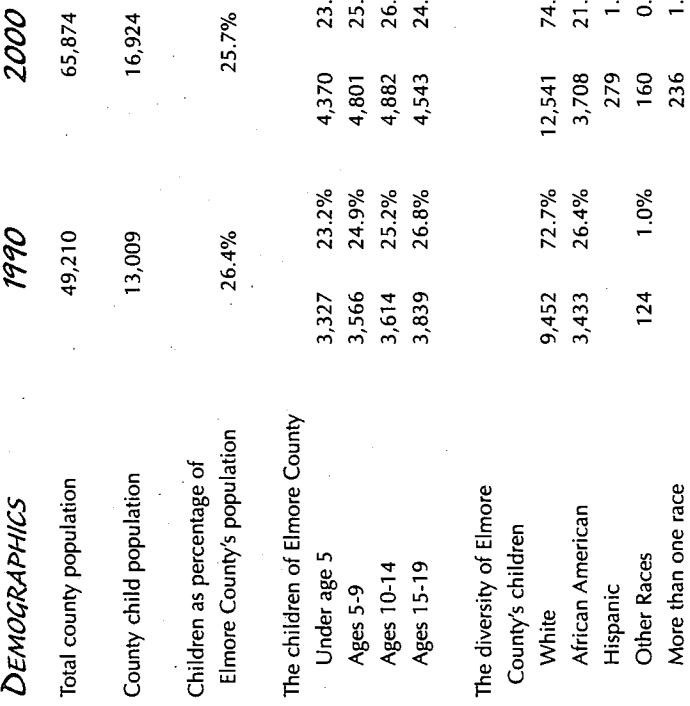
9

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	Rate
	Base Year	Current Year					
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	12	4	16.0	4.3	9	—	607
Low weight births	56	70	7.5%	7.6%	32	—	5,800
Child health index	442	494	55.3%	53.6%	52	—	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	41	67	5.5%	7.3%	13	W	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	24	58	2.7%	6.5%	3	—	4,688
Event dropout rate	166	135	6.6%	5.0%	51	—	8,938
Projected dropout rate	217	139	24.4%	18.9%	52	I	10,194
SAFETY							
Child death rate	2	5	18.5	46.5	41	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	88	110	6.4	6.9	20	—	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	15	244.1	221.7	23	—	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	50	79	727.8	1,150.4	40	—	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	14.8	8	—	726
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	16	43.7	233.0	3	—	3,396
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	33	47	9.1%	12.0%	23	—	3,654
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	446	231	2.9%	1.3%	10	I	35,476
Children in poverty	2,631	3,383	19.1%	23.4%	24	—	260,970

County
22
Ranking

Elmore County

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	12	4	16.0	4.3	19
Low weight births	51	73	6.8%	7.9%	26
Child health index	451	541	56.4%	58.6%	13
Births to unmarried teens	79	88	10.5%	9.5%	28
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	75	57	6.9%	5.7%	24
Event dropout rate	53	157	1.8%	4.9%	23
Projected dropout rate	68	189	7.2%	18.9%	28
SAFETY					
Child death rate	3	5	30.2	41.7	39
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	232	83	18.2	4.9	7
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	11	62	187.9	863.8	57
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	9	136	150.1	1,892.8	60
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	16.8	69.7	34
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	46	183.4	640.2	48
Preventable teen death rate	3	6	77.7	128.1	49
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	48	49	14.2%	13.3%	29
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	803	251	5.6%	1.3%	18
Children in poverty	2,440	3,067	18.9%	19.3%	7



Escambia County

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year			
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	4	6	8.4	12.4	64	—	607
Low weight births	45	50	9.5%	10.4%	53	—	5,800
Child health index	252	268	54.5%	55.6%	46	—	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	76	81	16.%	16.0%	47	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	45	49	7.5%	8.8%	42	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	128	94	7.0%	5.6%	40	—	8,938
Projected dropout rate	137	97	25.0%	20.6%	39	—	10,194
SAFETY							
Child death rate	3	2	40.3	29.7	58	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	238	62	25.5	6.7	24	1	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	9	22.5	210.5	22	—	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	21	104.1	478.0	8	—	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	5	0.0	117.0	52	W	726
DEMOCRAPHICS							
2000	38,440	9,270	24.1%				
Total county population	35,518	9,488	26.7%				
County child population	9,488	9,270					
Children as percentage of Escambia County's population	26.7%						
The children of Escambia County							
Under age 5	2,306	21.6%	2,390	22.9%			
Ages 5-9	2,548	23.9%	2,662	25.6%			
Ages 10-14	2,826	26.5%	2,614	25.1%			
Ages 15-19	2,999	28.1%	2,750	26.4%			
The diversity of Escambia County's children							
White	5,871	61.9%	5,357	57.8%			
African American	3,168	33.4%	3,248	35.0%			
Hispanic			118	1.3%			
Other Races	449	4.7%	399	4.3%			
More than one race			148	1.6%			
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	43	37	19.3%	23.9%	52	—	3,654
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	843	140	7.9%	1.3%	22	1	35,476
Children in poverty	3,603	2,586	38.2%	27.8%	42	—	260,970
							23.8%
							83
							82

County
26
Ranking

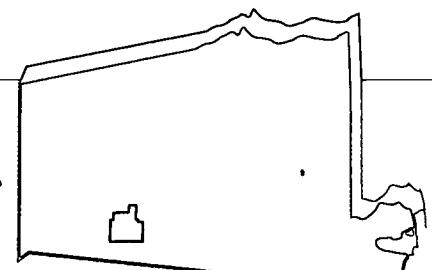
Etowah County

ATOR	Base Year	NUMBER	Rate	RANK	TREND	STATE
HEALTH	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number	Rate	
Infant mortality rate	21	12	15.4	9.1	29	1
Low weight births	120	115	8.8%	8.7%	22	—
Child health index	737	756	55.4%	57.2%	20	—
Births to unmarried teens	142	153	10.4%	11.6%	33	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	66	104	4.8%	7.8%	27	4,688
Event dropout rate	245	252	5.2%	5.6%	41	—
Projected dropout rate	273	271	19.4%	20.9%	41	—
SAFETY						
Child death rate	5	4	26.0	22.2	17	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	511	298	21.1	12.1	56	1
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	31	25.8	272.0	19	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	79	114	637.9	972.3	27	—
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	49	8	402.3	70.2	33	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	30	41	242.3	349.7	21	—
Preventable teen death rate	4	5	504	67.4	28	—
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	96	83	15.7%	14.1%	30	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,151	407	4.2%	1.5%	12	1
Children in poverty	5,047	6,312	20.8%	25.5%	36	—

2000		1990		DEMOCRAPHICS	
Total county population	99,840		99,840	Total county population	103,459
County child population	24,517		24,517	County child population	24,654
Children as percentage of Etowah County's population	24.6%		24.6%	Children as percentage of Etowah County's population	23.8%
The children of Etowah County				The children of Etowah County	
Under age 5	5,973		5,973	Under age 5	6,611
Ages 5-9	6,639		6,639	Ages 5-9	6,705
Ages 10-14	7,223		7,223	Ages 10-14	6,930
Ages 15-19	7,823		7,823	Ages 15-19	7,143
The diversity of Etowah County's children				The diversity of Etowah County's children	
White	19,785		19,785	White	18,606
African American	4,466		4,466	African American	4,861
Hispanic				Hispanic	654
Other Races				Other Races	266
More than one race				More than one race	201
					332
					1.3%

County
21
Ranking

Fayette County



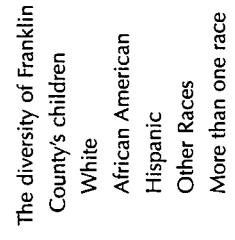
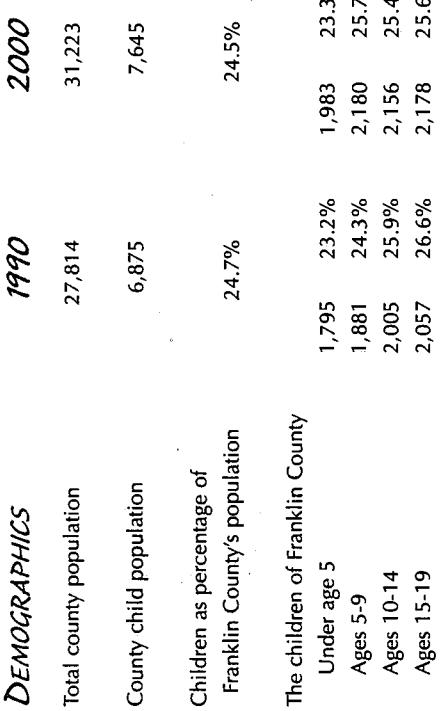
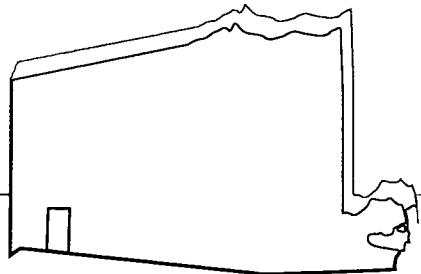
INDICATOR	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	Number	STATE	Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	2	1	9.1	4.6	22	—	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	18	19	8.2%	8.8%	11	—	—	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	122	110	56.5%	50.9%	53	—	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	23	16	10.5%	7.4%	10	—	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	26	36	11.6%	14.4%	46	—	—	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	57	55	6.9%	7.0%	63	—	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	57	58	25.6%	24.9%	62	—	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY										
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	60.0	59	—	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	50	50	11.0	11.3	51	—	—	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	19	858.5	913.0	63	—	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	54	42	2,337.1	1,963.5	66	—	—	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	3	0.0	144.2	48	W	W	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	6	389.5	280.5	29	—	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	13	—	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	21	10	19.6%	11.6%	10	—	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	288	179	5.5%	3.6%	38	—	—	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	1,031	1,006	22.8%	28.9%	20	—	—	260,970	23.8%	



County
19
Ranking

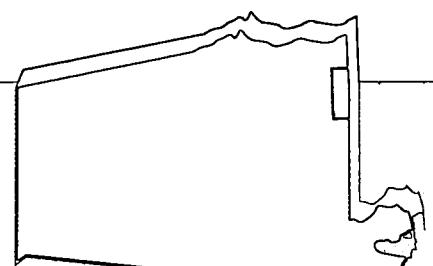
Franklin County

Category	Number	Rate	Rank	Trend	State Number	State Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	4	4	11.0	9.2	27	—
Low weight births	26	27	7.1%	6.2%	31	—
Child health index	220	236	56.1%	54.1%	42	—
Births to unmarried teens	24	32	6.6%	7.3%	5	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	66	52	12.1%	10.6%	59	4,688
Event dropout rate	22	51	1.4%	3.4%	20	—
Projected dropout rate	24	58	5.5%	13.3%	21	—
SAFETY						
Child death rate	3	3	55.0	56.0	62	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	53	5.4	6.9	10	—
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	17	21	538.0	659.3	44	—
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	57	43	1,702.4	1,318.6	55	—
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	0	30.4	0.0	13	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	14	149.3	429.3	38	—
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	95.3	150.7	66	—
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	17	13	9.1%	7.4%	3	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	394	187	5.1%	2.2%	28	1
Children in poverty	1,657	1,767	24.2%	24.5%	30	—



County
42
Ranking

Geneva County

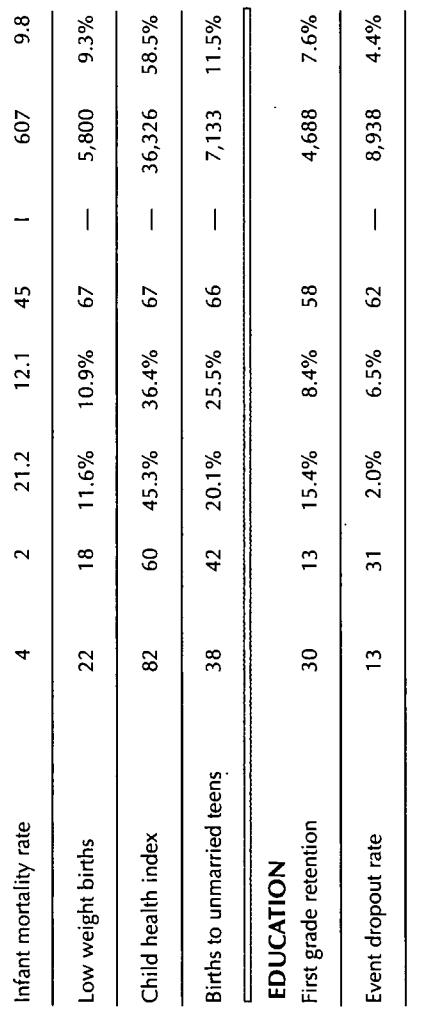


INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	Rate
		Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	6	3	19.2	9.4	38	—	607
Low weight births	33	24	10.5%	7.5%	6	—	5,800
Child health index	153	188	47.8%	58.9%	33	1	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	47	30	15.0%	9.4%	30	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	38	32	11.0%	9.2%	39	4,688	7.6%
Projected dropout rate	78	66	21.9%	19.0%	35	—	10,194
Event dropout rate	76	57	6.1%	5.0%	35	—	8,938
SAFETY							
Child death rate	5	3	107.6	66.8	64	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	241	93	41.2	15.0	55	1	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	11	292.0	398.6	30	—	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	19	42	651.7	1,494.1	54	—	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	1	0.0	36.2	25	W	726
SECURITY							
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	15	102.9	533.6	51	—	3,396
Preventable teen death rate	2	3	105.6	166.1	59	—	268
Vulnerable families	20	20	13.9%	13.4%	27	—	3,654
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	435	106	6.5%	1.5%	19	1	35,476
Children in poverty	1,294	1,737	22.0%	28.5%	46	W	260,970

County
63
Ranking

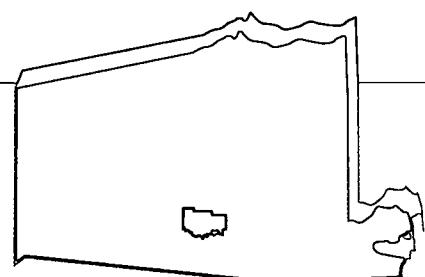
Greene County

Indicator	Number	Rate	Rank	Trend	State
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	4	2	21.2	12.1	45
Low weight births	22	18	11.6%	10.9%	67
Child health index	82	60	45.3%	36.4%	67
Births to unmarried teens	38	42	20.1%	25.5%	66
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	30	13	15.4%	8.4%	58
Event dropout rate	13	31	2.0%	6.5%	62
Projected dropout rate	15	33	8.0%	24.0%	60
SAFETY					
Child death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	66
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	72	48	21.7	16.5	59
SECURITY					
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	1	199.3	73.8	18
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	2	0.0	142.8	2
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	1	244.9	71.4	6
Preventable teen death rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	38
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	25	16	32.1%	30.2%	64
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	854	128	23.3%	4.0%	55
Children in poverty	1,954	1,366	58.3%	44.6%	66



	1990	2000
Total county population	10,153	9,974
County child population	3,397	2,911
Children as percentage of Greene County's population	33.5%	29.2%
The children of Greene County		
Under age 5	787	21.5%
Ages 5-9	989	27.0%
Ages 10-14	1,001	27.3%
Ages 15-19	883	24.1%
The diversity of Greene County's children		
White	353	10.4%
African American	3,043	89.6%
Hispanic		
Other Races	1	0.0%
More than one race		5

Hale County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total country simulation

County child population
Children as percentage of

וְיַחַד כְּבוֹדָיו יְהוָה בְּלֹא-מִלְּבָדָיו;

- The children of Hale County
- Under age 5
- Ages 5-9
- Ages 10-14
- Ages 15-19

The diversity of Hale County's children	White	African American	Hispanic	Other Races	More than one race
---	-------	------------------	----------	-------------	--------------------

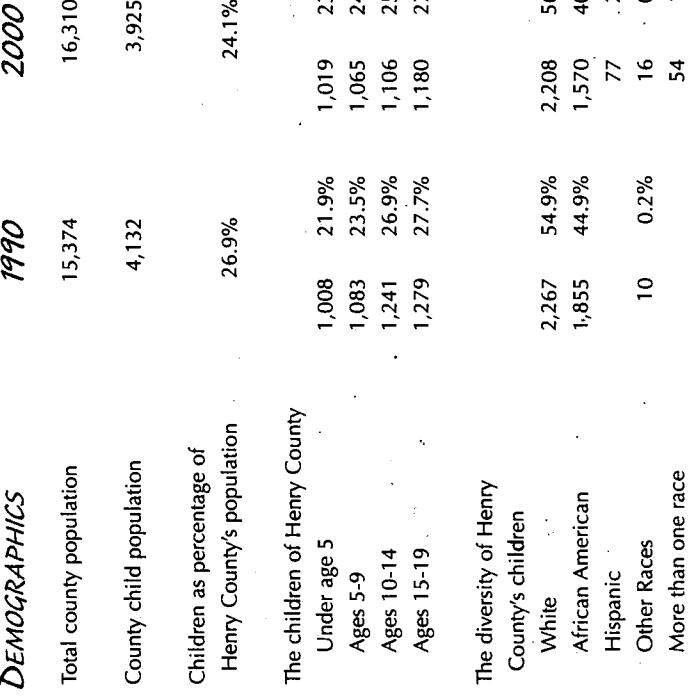
INDICATOR

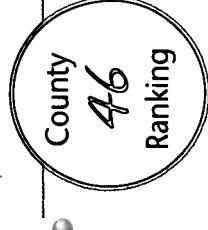
HEALTH

INDICATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RANK	TREND	Number	STATE	Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	3	0	11.7	0.0	3	—	607	9.8		9.3%
Low weight births	20	30	7.8%	11.2%	58	W	5,800			
Child health index	138	132	56.3%	49.1%	66	—	36,326	58.5%		
Births to unmarried teens	54	37	21.1%	13.8%	55	—	7,133	11.5%		
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	32	31	10.8%	10.7%	62		4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	36	45	3.7%	4.6%	29	—	8,938	4.4%		
Projected dropout rate	43	51	14.0%	17.8%	29	—	10,194	16.7%		
SAFETY										
Child death rate	0	3	0.0	77.8	46	—	302	36.8		
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	173	21	35.7	4.1	26	I	9,350	8.3		
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	90.8	0.0	8	—	2,636	552.0		
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	14	169.2	598.0	16	W	5,701	1,170.7		
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	18	—	726	152.0		
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	11	17	465.3	726.2	56	W	3,396	697.4		
Preventable teen death rate	4	3	293.1	212.6	65	—	268	84.0		
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	34	13	32.4%	12.0%	55	—	3,654	14.2%		
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	713	167	13.3%	3.0%	44	I	35,476	2.8%		
Children in poverty	2,275	1,761	47.0%	34.1%	57	—	260,970	23.8%		

Henry County

Indicator	Number	Rate	Rank	Trend	State Number	State Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	5	3	23.1	15.2	55	—
Low weight births	16	13	7.4%	6.6%	38	—
Child health index	110	130	49.3%	65.7%	8	1
Births to unmarried teens	40	21	18.5%	10.6%	32	1
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	54	54	9.9%	9.0%	54	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	122	121	7.4%	7.7%	56	— 8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	147	143	27.4%	28.1%	57	— 10,194 16.7%
SAFETY						
Child death rate	2	0	62.3	0.0	2	— 302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	22	17	5.4	4.3	1	— 9,350 .8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	19	13	988.2	698.9	59	— 2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	30	21	1,475.5	1,097.8	64	— 5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	107.5	32	— 726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	1	8	49.2	418.2	31	— 3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	155.9	85.4	35	— 268 84.0
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	16	15	15.4%	18.3%	40	— 3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	352	201	7.6%	4.6%	53	1 35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	860	1,133	21.2%	28.6%	47	W 260,970 23.8%





Houston County

Ranking



Full Text Provided by ERIC

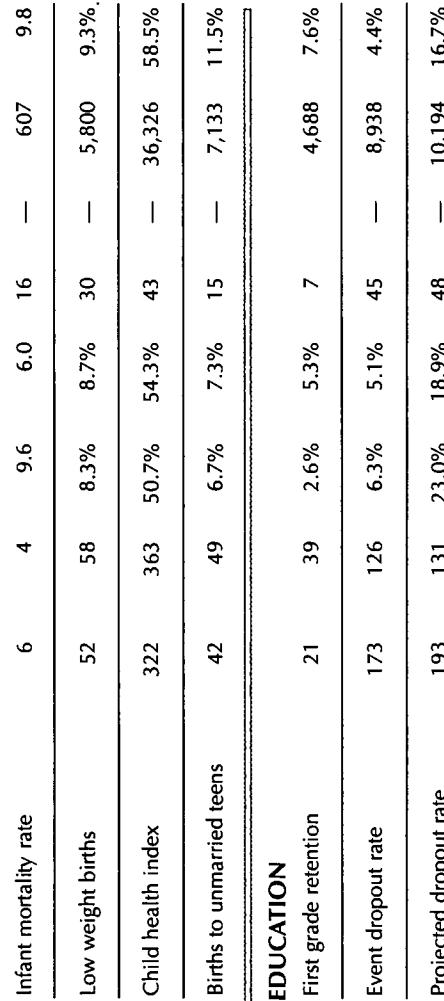


INDICATOR	Base Year	Current Year	Rate	RANK		STATE Number	Rate
				Current Year	TREND		
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	7	11	5.7	8.6	39	—	607
Low weight births	80	118	6.5%	9.2%	37	W	5,800
Child health index	679	807	56.7%	63.0%	7	—	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	136	152	11.0%	11.9%	35	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	138	115	10.6%	9.0%	55	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	215	222	4.9%	5.2%	43	—	8,938
Projected dropout rate	248	242	17.9%	19.3%	42	—	10,194
SAFETY							
Child death rate	1	7	5.7	40.4	31	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	571	282	25.6	12.3	32	1	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	64	111	642.3	1,101.3	61	W	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	152	123	1,467.3	1,199.9	34	—	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	24	0.0	238.1	58	—	726
SECURITY							
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	59	63	569.5	614.6	50	—	3,396
Preventable teen death rate	5	8	78.0	127.6	32	—	268
Vulnerable families	97	77	18.3%	14.3%	34	1	3,654
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,397	492	5.6%	1.9%	26	1	35,476
Children in poverty	4,891	5,628	22.0%	24.4%	29	—	260,970

County
of
Ranking

Jackson County

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	6	4	9.6	6.0	16
Low weight births	52	58	8.3%	8.7%	30
Child health index	322	363	50.7%	54.3%	43
Births to unmarried teens	42	49	6.7%	7.3%	15
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	21	39	2.6%	5.3%	7
Event dropout rate	173	126	6.3%	5.1%	45
Projected dropout rate	193	131	23.0%	18.9%	48
SAFETY					
Child death rate	4	1	41.1	10.7	13
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	199	106	16.3	8.1	44
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	23	0	398.9	0.0	14
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	105	88	1,663.4	1,454.3	57
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	0	32.5	0.0	1
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	28	413.4	462.7	13
Preventable teen death rate	5	4	127.9	109.2	45
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	29	31	10.1%	10.5%	13
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	469	130	3.4%	0.9%	6
Children in poverty	2,302	2,756	18.8%	21.7%	17



1990 2000

1990 2000

1990

1990 2000

1990 2000

1990 2000

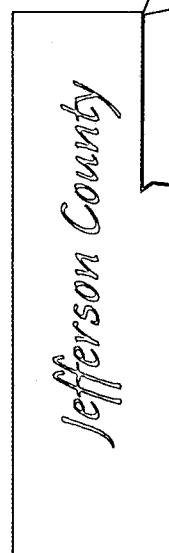
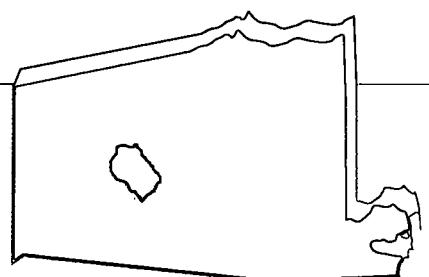
1990 2000

1990 2000

1990 2000

County
53
Ranking

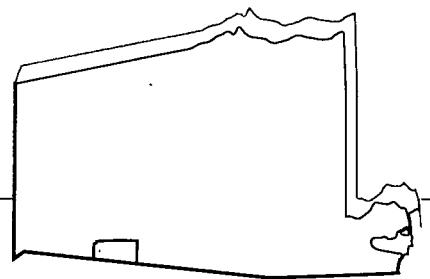
Jefferson County



INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE	
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number	Rate
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	122	114	11.9	12.1	54	—
Low weight births	941	985	9.2%	10.5%	52	W
Child health index	5,523	5,865	59.1%	62.4%	5	—
Births to unmarried teens	1,224	1,131	12.0%	12.0%	40	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	705	594	7.7%	6.7%	26	4,688
Projected dropout rate	2,242	1,314	21.0%	13.8%	18	1
Event dropout rate	1,850	1,158	5.8%	3.6%	18	1
SAFETY						
Child death rate	42	41	32.4	34.8	30	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,530	1,060	9.5	6.5	23	—
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	280	360	395.4	547.7	50	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	330	629	441.8	933.2	33	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	149	136	203.5	206.9	62	—
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	440	920	589.1	1,364.9	65	W
Preventable teen death rate	43	41	92.9	97.2	34	—
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	744	558	18.0%	14.0%	36	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	16,380	7,088	9.0%	3.9%	47	1
Children in poverty	35,664	33,805	22.2%	21.5%	16	—
						103

County
23
Ranking

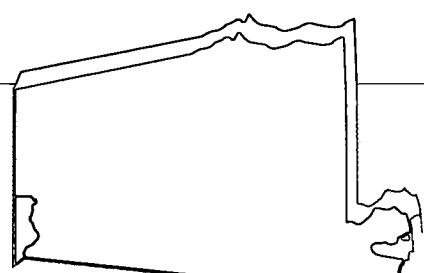
Lamar County



ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate									
Infant mortality rate	5	3	24.4	17.6	66	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	20	13	9.8%	7.6%	39	—	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	101	98	50.5%	57.6%	21	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	20	5	9.8%	2.9%	3	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	16	13	7.6%	6.0%	23	4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	40	31	4.4%	3.8%	12	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	41	32	16.5%	14.8%	13	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	3	2	95.6	70.3	57	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	47	24	11.8	6.4	8	1	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	13	24	649.0	1,311.5	20	—	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	8	10	399.4	546.4	24	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	1	1	79.1	85.5	36	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	9	2	10.0%	2.9%	2	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	133	90	3.0%	2.1%	17	—	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	782	1,066	19.7%	27.2%	40	W	260,970	23.8%	104

County
12
Ranking

Lauderdale County



Demographics

Total county population

County child population

Children as percentage of
Lauderdale County's population

The children of Lauderdale County

Under age 5

Ages 5-9

Ages 10-14

Ages 15-19

The diversity of Lauderdale
County's children

White

African American

Hispanic

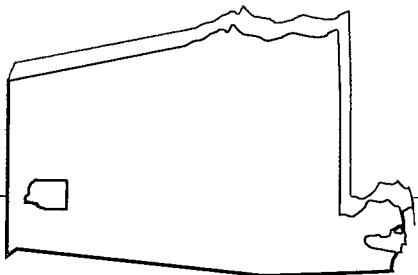
Other Races

More than one race

Indicator

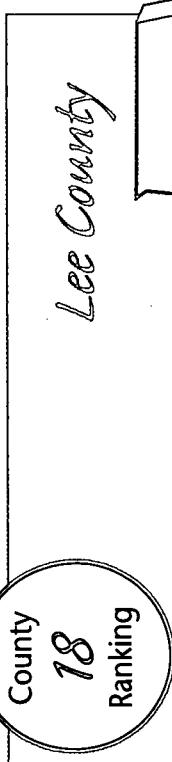
Indicator	Number	Rate		Rank	Trend	Number	State	Rate
		Base Year	Current Year					
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	9	7	8.3	6.7	8	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	86	87	7.9%	8.3%	44	W	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	669	671	62.4%	64.2%	3	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	74	86	6.8%	8.2%	11	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	34	5.5%	3.3%	6	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	199	165	5.0%	4.3%	17	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	229	175	18.5%	16.1%	15	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	3	3	19.9	20.8	12	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	275	112	14.6	5.5	37	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	38	86	430.2	1,025.0	55	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	39	126	421.9	1,462.6	48	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	17	11	189.9	131.1	49	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	48	248.8	557.2	30	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	31.8	34.8	26	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	60	44	11.8%	10.2%	9	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	822	230	3.8%	1.0%	7	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,540	3,820	18.7%	19.6%	8	—	260,970	23.8%

Lawrence County



RICATOR	Indicator	Number	Rate		Rank	Trend	Number	State	Rate
			Base Year	Current Year					
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	3	3	6.0	7.0	15	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	34	43	6.8%	10.1%	45	W	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	266	228	56.4%	53.5%	35	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	52	45	10.4%	10.6%	26	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	35	20	7.1%	4.2%	17	4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	73	54	4.4%	3.3%	4	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	79	59	17.0%	11.9%	4	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	3	3	44.4	47.5	43	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	273	132	31.9	14.8	62	I	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	4	0.0	103.2	9	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	36	55	849.8	1,386.1	51	W	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	6	48	141.6	1,209.7	54	W	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	1	0	37.6	0.0	47	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	26	20	12.9%	9.9%	16	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	553	184	5.7%	1.8%	16	—	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	1,224	1,025	26.1%	22.2%	10	—	26,072	22.2%	

Lee County



INDICATOR	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK		TREND	STATE Number	Rate
				Current Year	Year			
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	17	14	13.6	10.0	37	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	102	100	8.1%	7.2%	3	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	866	876	62.6%	62.8%	4	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	165	130	13.2%	9.3%	20	1	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	81	89	5.6%	6.0%	9	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	259	90	6.1%	1.9%	5	1	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	337	107	22.5%	7.2%	5	1	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	11	13.4	65.9	47	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	512	171	27.0	6.4	19	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	48	40	407.4	424.4	52	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	64	134	743.3	1,415.4	47	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	18	93.8	191.0	65	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	40	67	464.5	707.7	55	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	81.6	37.9	1	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	84	68	13.1%	12.5%	18	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,060	488	4.1%	1.4%	21	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,882	4,335	20.5%	19.8%	9	—	260,970	23.8%

1990 2000

DEMOGRAPHICS

87,146 115,092

19,274 26,802

22.1% 23.3%

Under age 5 21.0%

Ages 5-9 20.3%

Ages 10-14 20.6%

Ages 15-19 38.0%

5,409 7,195

5,229 7,655

5,289 7,603

9,775 11,767

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

Total county population
County child populationChildren as percentage of
Lee County's population

The children of Lee County

Under age 5 21.0%

Ages 5-9 20.3%

Ages 10-14 20.6%

Ages 15-19 38.0%

5,409 7,195

5,229 7,655

5,289 7,603

9,775 11,767

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

21.0% 22.4%

22.2%

34.4%

The diversity of Lee
County's children

White 63.4%

African American 34.6%

Hispanic 4.8%

Other Races 2.1%

More than one race 3.4%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

30.1%

1.8%

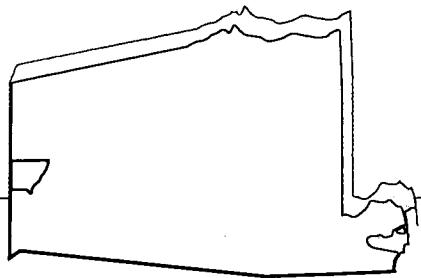
1.9%

1.3%

65.0%

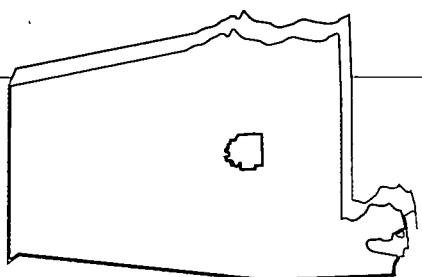
30.1%

Limestone County



RIC [®]	ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	Base Year	Current Year	RANK	TREND	Number	STATE	Rate
HEALTH												
Infant mortality rate	7	5	9.3	6.0	4	—	—	607	9.8			
Low weight births	49	71	6.5%	8.5%	14	—	—	5,800	9.3%			
Child health index	493	491	59.8%	59.0%	15	—	—	36,326	58.5%			
Births to unmarried teens	60	80	8.0%	9.6%	12	—	—	7,133	11.5%			
EDUCATION												
First grade retention	56	71	6.1%	7.8%	28	—	—	4,688	7.6%			
Event dropout rate	197	208	7.0%	7.4%	55	—	—	8,938	4.4%			
Projected dropout rate	211	224	25.3%	26.1%	55	—	—	10,194	16.7%			
SAFETY												
Child death rate	7	3	65.6	26.3	42	—	—	302	36.8			
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	184	134	13.7	8.2	12	1	1	9,350	8.3			
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	20	32	327.0	480.6	36	—	—	2,636	552.0			
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	21	30	331.5	446.7	6	—	—	5,701	1,170.7			
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	3	48.0	45.1	30	—	—	726	152.0			
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	7	20	110.5	297.8	9	W	W	3,396	697.4			
Preventable teen death rate	1	3	24.9	70.3	37	—	—	268	84.0			
SECURITY												
Vulnerable families	50	48	12.4%	14.1%	19	—	—	3,654	14.2%			
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	360	263	2.4%	1.4%	25	1	1	35,476	2.8%			
Children in poverty	2,055	3,040	15.1%	20.0%	10	—	—	260,970	23.8%			

Lowndes County



Demographics

The children of Lowndes County

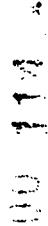
Under age 5	1,142	23.5%	1,004	22.3%
Ages 5-9	1,218	25.1%	1,047	23.2%
Ages 10-14	1,275	26.3%	1,270	28.2%
Ages 15-19	1,220	25.1%	1,183	26.3%

The diversity of Lowndes County's children

White	694	15.7%	709	17.4%
African American	3,726	84.1%	3,303	81.2%
Hispanic			33	0.8%
Other Races	11	0.2%	7	0.2%
More than one race			16	0.4%

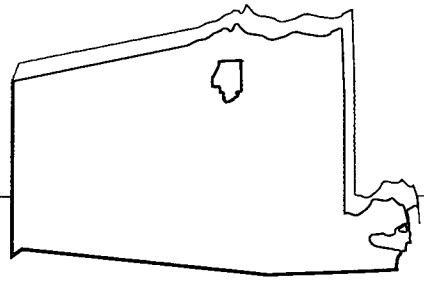
Indicator

Indicator	Number	Rate		Rank	Trend	State Number	Rate	
		Base Year	Current Year					
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	5	3	16.0	14.1	65	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	39	27	12.5%	12.7%	65	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	96	118	46.2%	55.4%	29	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	71	39	22.8%	18.3%	64	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	45	38	17.0%	14.9%	66	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	51	42	6.0%	5.6%	52	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	62	54	23.4%	20.5%	53	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	57.9	93.1	65	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	37	18	8.5	4.4	3	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	0	51.1	0.0	1	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	13	141.3	658.6	12	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	35	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	47	424.0	2,381.0	64	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	78.9	163.8	60	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	18	19	23.4%	21.8%	63	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,197	273	24.7%	6.0%	59	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,327	1,724	52.8%	39.4%	62	—	260,970	23.8%



County
62
Ranking

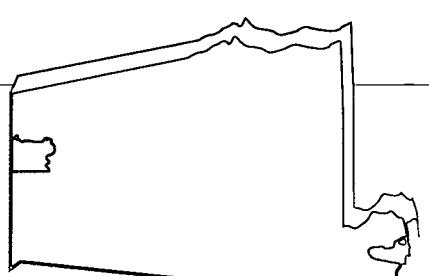
Macon County



ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE	STATE
									Number	Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	10	6	22.8	19.7	59	—	607	9.8		
Low weight births	54	37	12.3%	12.2%	59	—	5,800	9.3%		
Child health index	185	156	52.6%	51.3%	59	—	36,326	58.5%		
Births to unmarried teens	90	58	20.5%	19.1%	61	—	7,133	11.5%		
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	29	12	8.2%	3.4%	19	4,688	7.6%			
Event dropout rate	35	47	3.0%	4.8%	14	—	8,938	4.4%		
Projected dropout rate	43	57	12.0%	17.7%	14	—	10,194	16.7%		
SAFETY										
Child death rate	4	2	77.9	48.6	54	—	302	36.8		
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	45	17	6.8	2.8	34	—	9,350	8.3		
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	1	3	25.8	117.6	41	—	2,636	552.0		
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	12	154.3	453.2	17	W	5,701	1,170.7		
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	5	31.5	196.0	43	—	726	152.0		
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	38	30	27.3%	25.4%	59	—	3,654	14.2%		
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,542	660	18.1%	8.1%	64	I	35,476	2.8%		
Children in poverty	2,995	2,293	45.9%	40.4%	64	—	260,970	23.8%		
DEMOGRAPHICS										
Total county population						24,928			24,105	
County child population						6,620			6,081	
Children as percentage of Macon County's population						26.6%			25.2%	
The children of Macon County										
Under age 5						1,794	21.0%		1,565	20.8%
Ages 5-9						1,738	20.4%		1,714	22.8%
Ages 10-14						1,820	21.3%		1,801	24.0%
Ages 15-19						3,177	37.2%		2,438	32.4%
The diversity of Macon County's children										
White						649	9.8%		614	10.1%
African American						5,968	90.2%		5,343	87.9%
Hispanic									50	0.8%
Other Races									22	0.4%
More than one race									52	0.9%

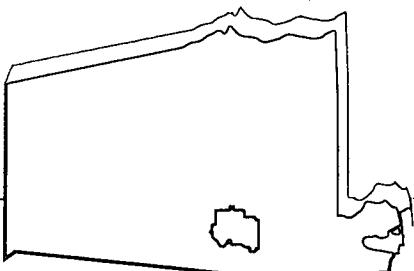
County
13
Ranking

Madison County



INDICATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	Rank	TREND	STATE	Number	Rate
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	36	28	8.9	7.3	10	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	278	309	6.9%	8.1%	13	W	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	2,523	2,539	64.3%	66.4%	2	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	342	373	8.5%	9.8%	16	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	148	188	3.9%	5.3%	2	—	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	762	346	6.7%	2.8%	13	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	850	422	23.9%	10.5%	12	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	20	17	43.4	34.5	35	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	451	456	7.7	6.4	15	—	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	62	252	239.9	962.8	62	W	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	181	404	707.3	1,510.7	46	W	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	12	38	47.8	145.2	57	—	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	98	150	383.0	560.9	40	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	12	10	67.9	54.1	15	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	186	173	10.8%	11.0%	11	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,989	1,475	4.5%	1.8%	30	1	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	8,621	11,453	14.8%	17.6%	5	—	260,970	23.8%	119

Marengo County



DEMOGRAPHICS

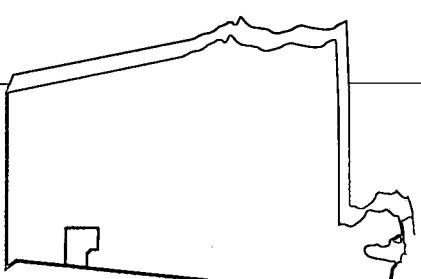
Total county population	23,084	22,539
County child population	7,015	6,422
Children as percentage of Marengo County's population	30.4%	28.5%
The children of Marengo County		
Under age 5	1,800	23.3%
Ages 5-9	1,877	24.3%
Ages 10-14	2,035	26.4%
Ages 15-19	2,006	26.0%
The diversity of Marengo County's children		
White	2,829	40.3%
African American	4,178	59.6%
Hispanic		
Other Races	8	0.1%
More than one race		

Total county population	23,084	22,539
County child population	7,015	6,422
Children as percentage of Marengo County's population	30.4%	28.5%
The children of Marengo County		
Under age 5	1,800	23.3%
Ages 5-9	1,877	24.3%
Ages 10-14	2,035	26.4%
Ages 15-19	2,006	26.0%
		21.7%
		26.3%
		27.0%
		25.0%

The diversity of Marengo County's children	
White	2,829
African American	4,178
Hispanic	
Other Races	8
More than one race	

ATOR	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	Number	STATE	Rate
							Base Year	
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	.9	6	22.0	18.3	25	—	607	9.8
Low birth weight	38	46	9.3%	14.0%	63	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	211	171	58.0%	52.1%	57	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	75	49	18.3%	14.9%	52	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	67	60	15.0%	13.8%	64	4,688		7.6%
Event dropout rate	33	33	2.3%	2.6%	7	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	36	33	9.0%	10.0%	7	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	4	1	72.7	20.2	22	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	86	51	12.5	7.9	17	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	3	63.9	98.8	13	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	7	48	201.3	1,523.8	53	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	3	117.8	98.8	27	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	18	143.8	571.4	53	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	2	97.1	105.5	21	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	44	18	27.5%	14.0%	32	1	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,118	303	14.5%	4.3%	58	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,754	2,217	39.6%	32.6%	54	—	260,970	23.8%

Marion County



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total county population	County child population	Children as percentage of Marion County's population	The Children of Marion County
100,000	20,000	20%	Under age 5
			Ages 5-9
			Ages 10-14
			Ages 15-19

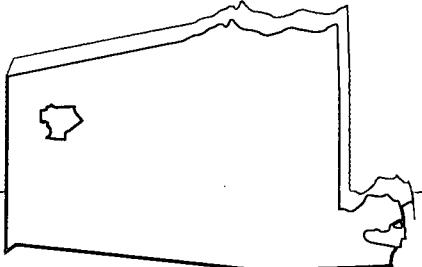
The diversity of Marion County's children
White
African American
Hispanic
Other Races
More than one race

INDICATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH										
Infant mortality rate	5	5	12.6	13.1	63	—	607	9.8		
Low weight births	29	27	7.3%	7.0%	1	—	5,800	9.3%		
Child health index	204	212	55.4%	55.4%	14	—	36,326	58.5%		
Births to unmarried teens	33	30	8.3%	7.8%	7	—	7,133	11.5%		
EDUCATION										
First grade retention	9	29	2.1%	7.0%	12	4,688	7.6%			
Event dropout rate	60	65	3.9%	4.6%	33	—	8,938	4.4%		
Projected dropout rate	68	72	14.8%	17.1%	33	—	10,194	16.7%		
SAFETY										
Child death rate	2	4	35.0	75.8	55	—	302	36.8		
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	192	69	26.5	9.8	54	1	9,350	8.3		
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	3	25	88.9	769.9	47	W	2,636	552.0		
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	17	68	471.3	2,012.4	61	W	5,701	1,170.7		
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	9	—	726	152.0		
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	4	23	110.9	680.7	26	W	3,396	697.4		
Preventable teen death rate	3	2	126.1	92.9	29	—	268	84.0		
SECURITY										
Vulnerable families	21	11	13.3%	6.1%	5	—	3,654	14.2%		
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	321	92	3.9%	1.2%	5	—	35,476	2.8%		
Child abuse rate	1,525	1,653	21.0%	22.5%	21	260,970	22.8%			

County
38
Ranking

Marshall County

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	10	12	10.9	9.5	28
Low weight births	74	90	8.0%	7.1%	18
Child health index	594	708	54.7%	56.1%	45
Births to unmarried teens	61	120	6.6%	9.5%	14
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	32	38	3.2%	3.8%	4
Event dropout rate	225	197	7.7%	6.4%	60
Projected dropout rate	258	221	27.0%	23.7%	63
SAFETY					
Child death rate	4	5	29.5	35.2	48
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	289	383	16.7	18.7	64
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	83	200.9	971.2	53
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	35	80	419.6	916.9	18
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	5	36.5	58.5	21
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	44	44	527.5	504.3	33
Preventable teen death rate	8	4	147.8	73.1	52
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	63	69	12.5%	12.5%	21
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	908	392	4.6%	1.7%	20
Children in poverty	3,508	4,410	20.2%	23.0%	22



2000

1990

2000

2000

1990

2000

2000

1990

2000

2000

1990

2000

2000

1990

2000

2000

1990

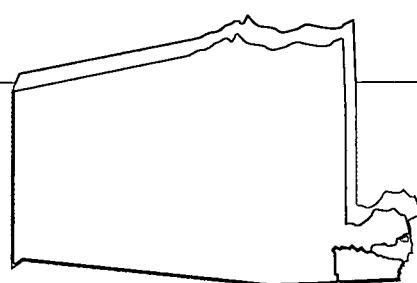
2000

2000

1990

2000

Mobile County



DEMOCRAPHICS

The children of Mobile County

The diversity of Mobile County's children

Children as percentage of Mobile County's population

Total county population	378,643	107,799	28.5%
County child population			27.5%
Children as percentage of Mobile County's population			
The children of Mobile County			

Under age 5

Ages 5-9

Ages 10-14

Ages 15-19

White

African American

Hispanic

Other Races

More than one race

INDICATOR

EDUCATION

SAFETY

SECURITY

HEALTH

DEMOGRAPHICS

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

2000

1990

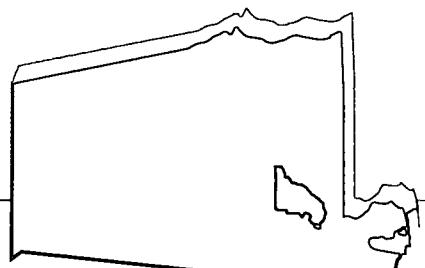
2000

1990

INDICATOR		RATE		TREND		STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number	Rate
HEALTH	Infant mortality rate	78	65	12.1	10.5	58
	Low weight births	575	658	8.9%	10.6%	54
	Child health index	3,516	3,426	53.0%	55.1%	44
	Births to unmarried teens	837	828	13.0%	13.3%	44
EDUCATION	First grade retention	927	684	15.4%	11.5%	63
	Event dropout rate	1,571	772	8.8%	4.3%	26
	Projected dropout rate	1,837	924	29.0%	15.9%	24
					1	10,194
SAFETY	Child death rate	35	39	40.9	47.3	40
	Children with indication of abuse or neglect	1,773	1,035	16.6	9.4	45
	Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	155	267	327.8	573.9	46
	Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	312	611	635.7	1,286.7	49
SECURITY	Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	346	150	712.2	322.4	66
	Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	272	441	554.2	928.7	58
	Preventable teen death rate	24	27	79.3	92.4	24
					1	268
HEALTH	Vulnerable families	613	435	22.7%	17.5%	49
	Children receiving AFDC/TANF	13,515	4,706	11.3%	3.9%	50
	Children in poverty	32,431	31,547	30.5%	28.8%	48
					1	35,476
DEMOGRAPHICS						2.8%
						9.3%
						58.5%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						4.4%
						16.7%
						9.8%
SAFETY						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SECURITY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
HEALTH						52.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
DEMOGRAPHICS						11.5%
						9.3%
						58.5%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%
						8.3%
						36.8
						4.3%
SAFETY						11.5%
						16.7%
						9.3%
						552.0
SECURITY						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
HEALTH						552.0
						4.4%
						9.8%
						11.5%
EDUCATION						7.6%

County
29
Ranking

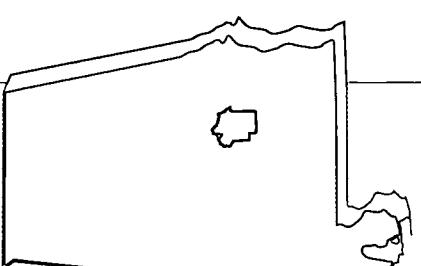
Monroe County



FOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	3	1	8.0	2.7	11
Low weight births	42	38	11.1%	10.2%	49
Child health index	215	216	54.7%	58.2%	41
Births to unmarried teens	62	57	16.4%	15.4%	48
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	46	33	11.0%	8.9%	44
Event dropout rate	104	69	6.8%	5.2%	32
Projected dropout rate	120	78	24.3%	19.2%	34
SAFETY					
Child death rate	1	1	17.5	19.3	8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	116	58	15.8	8.4	11
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	15	11	444.0	344.9	28
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	21	85.2	641.4	23
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	7	2	199.8	62.7	26
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	9	85.2	274.9	5
Preventable teen death rate	0	2	0.0	96.7	40
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	38	20	23.8%	19.2%	50
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	690	222	8.4%	2.9%	42
Children in poverty	2,151	2,153	29.4%	30.5%	.52

	1990	2000
DEMOCRAPHICS		
Total county population	23,968	24,324
County child population	7,382	6,883
Children as percentage of Monroe County's population	30.8%	28.3%
The children of Monroe County		
Under age 5	1,869	22.8%
Ages 5-9	2,023	24.7%
Ages 10-14	2,111	25.8%
Ages 15-19	2,194	26.8%
The diversity of Monroe County's children		
White	3,725	50.5%
African American	3,539	47.9%
Hispanic		62
Other Races	118	1.6%
More than one race		97
		75
		1.1%

Montgomery County



Montgomery County									
County Ranking		Demographics		Health		Education		Safety	
Indicator	Value	Base Year	Current Year	Number	Rate	Base Year	Current Year	Rank	Trend
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	58	37	15.1	10.6	62	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	333	382	8.6%	11.0%	48	W	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	2,051	2,105	58.4%	60.4%	9	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	565	516	14.7%	14.8%	50	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	95	230	3.0%	7.7%	22	4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	464	207	5.2%	2.5%	16	1	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	564	223	20.3%	9.6%	17	1	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	23	20	51.0	47.5	33	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	648	233	11.4	4.0	2	1	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	98	72	383.5	305.1	43	—	2,636	552.0	
DEMOCRAPHICS									
2000	223,510								
1990	209,085								
Total county population	57,655	57,646							
County child population	27.6%	25.8%							
Children as percentage of Montgomery County's population	27.6%	25.8%							
The children of Montgomery County									
Under age 5	16,119	24.8%	15,472	23.7%					
Ages 5-9	16,150	24.8%	16,315	25.0%					
Ages 10-14	15,564	23.9%	16,298	24.9%					
Ages 15-19	17,221	26.5%	17,257	26.4%					
The diversity of Montgomery County's children									
White	26,746	46.4%	21,855	37.9%					
African American	30,053	52.1%	33,528	58.2%					
Hispanic			793	1.4%					
Other Races	856	1.5%	753	1.3%					
More than one race			717	1.2%					
SECURITY									
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	138	223	539.5	916.5	52	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	7	15	40.2	88.3	31	—	268	84.0	
Vulnerable families	307	253	19.9%	17.4%	51	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	7,430	3,150	11.4%	4.8%	57	1	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	14,519	14,853	25.5%	26.2%	38	—	260,970	23.8%	

Morgan County

TOP TOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE NUMBER	STATE RATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	18	15	11.7	9.5	44	—
Low weight births	115	155	7.5%	9.9%	24	—
Child health index	817	865	56.0%	55.1%	31	—
Births to unmarried teens	118	138	7.7%	8.8%	21	W
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	134	59	8.2%	3.8%	16	4,688
Event dropout rate	337	304	6.0%	5.7%	59	—
Projected dropout rate	366	327	22.0%	21.1%	59	—
SAFETY						
Child death rate	8	5	39.2	24.3	24	—
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	392	227	15.2	8.1	39	1
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	6	124	51.9	1,043.8	56	W
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	79	151	649.4	1,245.2	39	W
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	4	15	33.4	126.3	53	W
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	26	45	213.7	371.1	19	—
Preventable teen death rate	3	9	41.2	126.4	54	—
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	86	83	13.5%	12.8%	26	—
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,030	389	3.6%	1.3%	8	1
Children in poverty	3,761	4,621	14.6%	16.9%	3	—

2000

1990

DEMOCRAPHICS

2000

1990

Total county population

2000

1990

County child population

2000

1990

Children as percentage of Morgan County's population

2000

1990

The children of Morgan County

2000

1990

Under age 5

2000

1990

Ages 5-9

2000

1990

Ages 10-14

2000

1990

Ages 15-19

2000

1990

The diversity of Morgan County's children

2000

1990

White

2000

1990

African American

2000

1990

Hispanic

2000

1990

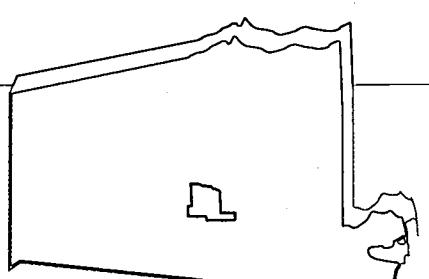
Other Races

2000

1990

More than one race

Perry County



DEMOGRAPHICS

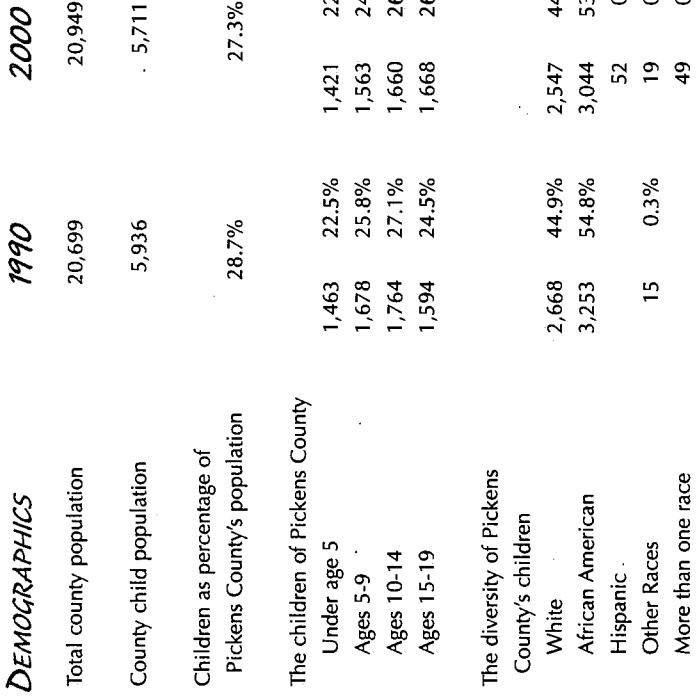
Total county population	12,759	11,861
County child population	4,062	3,537
Children as percentage of Perry County's population	31.8%	29.8%
The children of Perry County		
Under age 5	976	20.8%
Ages 5-9	1,073	22.8%
Ages 10-14	1,190	25.3%
Ages 15-19	1,458	31.0%

The diversity of Perry County's children

County
40
Ranking

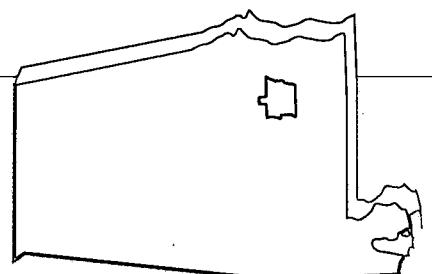
Pickens County

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	3	1	8.9	3.5	2
Low weight births	28	26	8.3%	9.0%	47
Child health index	162	170	57.9%	59.0%	11
Births to unmarried teens	60	51	17.8%	17.7%	60
EDUCATION%					
First grade retention	33	24	10.2%	8.4%	48
Event dropout rate	21	35	2.0%	3.1%	2
Projected dropout rate	24	36	7.7%	12.0%	2
SAFETY%					
Child death rate	1	1	21.2	22.9	25
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	129	31	22.1	5.4	48
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	4	75.8	155.1	27
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	1	21	34.8	795.2	29
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	3	35.5	116.3	39
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	19	0.0	719.4	45
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	121.4	66.1	9
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	33	26	25.8%	19.1%	58
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	808	256	12.4%	4.1%	56
Children in poverty	2,311	1,921	39.1%	32.9%	56



County
58
Ranking

Pike County



DEMOCRAPHICS

Total county population	27,595	29,605
County child population	6,934	7,211
Children as percentage of Pike County's population	25.1%	24.4%

The children of Pike County	
Under age 5	1,843
Ages 5-9	1,873
Ages 10-14	1,888
Ages 15-19	2,977

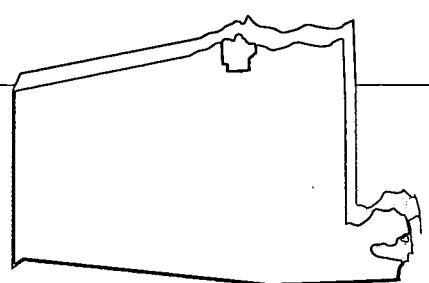
The diversity of Pike County's children	
White	3,648
African American	3,250
Hispanic	
Other Races	36
More than one race	134

INDICATOR

INDICATOR	NUMBER		RATE Base Year	RATE Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
	Base Year	Current Year						
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	7	4	16.4	9.9	48	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	36	30	8.5%	7.4%	43	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	241	234	52.9%	57.9%	16	1	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	75	71	17.6%	17.6%	56	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	36	35	9.2%	9.0%	49	—	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	61	66	4.4%	5.5%	50	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	73	76	16.5%	19.4%	44	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	2	3	37.5	58.7	37	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	231	54	33.9	7.5	18	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	8	13	208.9	421.3	32	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	11	27	335.2	843.8	26	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	6	62.2	194.4	47	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	49	274.2	1,531.3	61	W	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	2	1	66.4	34.3	11	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	42	44	21.2%	22.7%	61	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	862	352	10.0%	3.9%	49	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	2,097	2,439	30.6%	34.4%	59	—	260,970	23.8%

County
54
Ranking

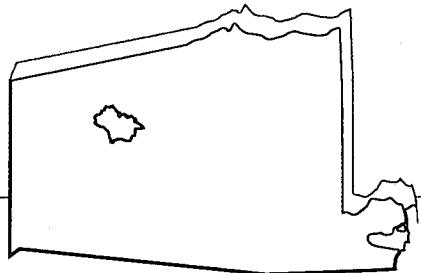
Russell County



INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	6	8	7.9	10.7	43
Low weight births	54	77	7.1%	10.3%	33
Child health index	373	437	51.4%	58.5%	39
Births to unmarried teens	87	97	11.5%	13.0%	41
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	55	44	6.8%	5.7%	20
Event dropout rate	194	135	8.5%	5.8%	66
Projected dropout rate	233	177	29.1%	20.9%	65
SAFETY					
Child death rate	5	2	50.8	21.3	34
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	357	190	28.8	14.4	63
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	32	32	594.5	598.8	42
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	18	94	308.4	1,701.7	58
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	8	11	140.7	205.8	60
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	23	43	394.0	778.4	44
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	134.0	28.2	7
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	56	49	19.1%	16.4%	43
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,190	590	8.5%	4.0%	54
Children in poverty	3,509	3,609	28.2%	28.0%	44

County
Ranking
8

St. Clair County



2000

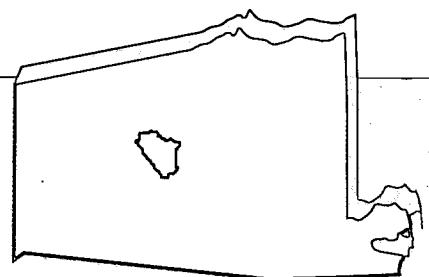
1990

1990

2000

ATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
Base Year Current Year Base Year Current Year						
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	6	11	7.9	13.0	32	—
Low birth weight	55	47	7.3%	5.6%	2	—
Child health index	425	485	54.7%	57.3%	28	—
Births to unmarried teens	66	67	8.7%	7.9%	9	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	68	70	7.2%	8.2%	34	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	209	159	8.1%	5.5%	42	— 8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	225	190	28.7%	20.3%	43	— 10,194 16.7%
SAFETY						
Child death rate	1	9	9.7	73.1	38	— 302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	151	186	11.5	11.3	49	— 9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	15	33.7	206.7	25	W 2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	4	337	65.6	4,676.0	65	— 5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	27.6	20	— 726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	5	29	82.1	402.4	16	W 3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	5	26.4	111.5	39	— 268 84.0
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	43	35	12.5%	9.9%	7	— 3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	639	302	4.3%	1.7%	15	I 35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,297	3,245	17.4%	20.2%	12	— 260,970 23.8%

Shelby County

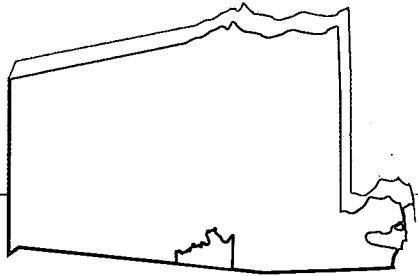


INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	Number
HEALTH					
Infant mortality rate	9	16	5.5	7.1	23 — 607 9.8
Low weight births	95	152	5.8%	6.8%	7 W 5,800 9.3%
Child health index	1,126	1,572	65.2%	70.0%	1 1 36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	82	90	5.0%	4.0%	1 — 7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION					
First grade retention	68	63	4.1%	3.9%	1 4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	227	207	4.9%	3.8%	15 1 8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	257	252	18.3%	15.2%	16 — 10,194 16.7%
SAFETY					
Child death rate	6	5	28.3	16.7	21 — 302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	280	194	10.4	5.2	6 — 9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	12	0.0	77.7	16 W 2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	48	39	439.7	256.7	22 — 5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	3	1	27.0	6.5	14 — 726 152.0
DEMOCRAPHICS					
Total county population	99,358	143,293			
County child population	27,321	37,620			
Children as percentage of Shelby County's population	27.5%	26.3%			
The children of Shelby County					
Under age 5	7,978	26.5%	10,718	26.1%	
Ages 5-9	7,890	26.2%	10,616	25.9%	
Ages 10-14	7,267	24.1%	10,398	25.3%	
Ages 15-19	6,964	23.1%	9,332	22.7%	
The diversity of Shelby County's children					
White	24,397	89.3%	32,677	86.9%	
African American	2,575	9.4%	3,170	8.4%	
Hispanic			888	2.4%	
Other Races	349	1.3%	542	1.4%	
More than one race			343	0.9%	
SECURITY					
Vulnerable families	46	43	6.0%	4.4%	1 — 3,396 697.4
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	624	197	2.1%	0.5%	1 1 35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,839	3,683	10.5%	9.8%	1 — 260,970 23.8%

County
59
Ranking

Sumter County

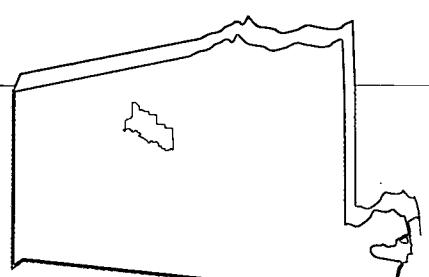
ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE
				Base Year	Current Year	Number	Rate
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	0	4	0.0	18.4	56	—	607 9.8
Low weight births	29	26	10.5%	12.0%	50	—	5,800 9.3%
Child health index	112	98	48.9%	45.2%	64	—	36,326 58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	65	39	23.6%	18.0%	57	1	7,133 11.5%
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	4	15	1.7%	5.7%	11		4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	46	43	5.1%	5.3%	19	—	8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	53	50	19.3%	20.2%	19	—	10,194 16.7%
SAFETY							
Child death rate	1	3	25.4	86.4	56	—	302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	56	43	11.3	10.0	21	—	9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	1	0.0	46.4	21	—	2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	0	4	0.0	180.3	4	—	5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	1	4	41.1	185.6	29	—	726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	0	10	0.0	450.9	37	W	3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	56.6	123.6	58	—	268 84.0
SECURITY							
Vulnerable families	25	16	28.1%	20.0%	56	1	3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,322	497	22.7%	9.8%	65	—	35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	2,443	1,906	49.8%	40.1%	63	—	260,970 23.8%



1990	2000
Total county population	16,174
County child population	4,936
Children as percentage of Sumter County's population	30.5%
The children of Sumter County	29.1%
Under age 5	21.1%
Ages 5-9	22.9%
Ages 10-14	25.9%
Ages 15-19	30.1%
The diversity of Sumter County's children	26.5%
White	1,066 22.1%
African American	1,332 25.5%
Hispanic	1,505 25.8%
Other Races	1,751 26.5%
More than one race	72 1.7%
White	661 15.4%
African American	3,537 82.2%
Hispanic	9 0.2%
Other Races	26 0.6%

County
35
Ranking

Talladega County

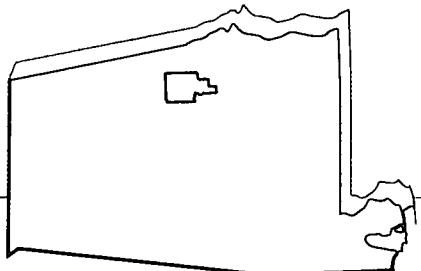


INDICATOR	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	Current Year	RANK	TREND	Number	STATE	Rate
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate	11	16	9.4	13.9	46	—	607	9.8	
Low weight births	120	137	10.2%	11.9%	57	W	5,800	9.3%	
Child health index	521	585	50.8%	50.8%	58	—	36,326	58.5%	
Births to unmarried teens	199	168	17.0%	14.6%	51	—	7,133	11.5%	
EDUCATION									
First grade retention	42	60	3.6%	5.5%	14	4,688	7.6%		
Event dropout rate	237	196	6.0%	5.3%	24	—	8,938	4.4%	
Projected dropout rate	265	229	21.3%	19.2%	23	—	10,194	16.7%	
SAFETY									
Child death rate	3	5	18.7	32.9	4	—	302	36.8	
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	374	242	18.4	12.1	50	—	9,350	8.3	
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	52	26	536.3	273.2	33	—	2,636	552.0	
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	53	73	518.5	760.1	19	—	5,701	1,170.7	
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	6	3	59.7	31.5	15	—	726	152.0	
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	21	51	205.5	531.0	32	—	3,396	697.4	
Preventable teen death rate	2	4	30.2	63.7	46	—	268	84.0	
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families	101	88	20.9%	16.6%	47	—	3,654	14.2%	
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	2,137	819	9.2%	3.6%	46	1	35,476	2.8%	
Children in poverty	5,323	5,582	26.7%	27.6%	41	—	260,970	23.8%	

County
49
Ranking

Tallapoosa County

Category	Number	Rate	Rank	Trend	State Number	State Rate
	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year		
HEALTH						
Infant mortality rate	3	5	4.9	9.1	51	—
Low weight births	45	57	7.4%	10.4%	51	—
Child health index	311	325	54.5%	59.4%	17	—
Births to unmarried teens	94	79	15.4%	14.4%	46	—
EDUCATION						
First grade retention	46	41	7.2%	6.4%	25	4,688 7.6%
Event dropout rate	154	92	7.4%	4.9%	31	— 8,938 4.4%
Projected dropout rate	178	109	26.9%	18.6%	32	— 10,194 16.7%
SAFETY						
Child death rate	1	1	13.0	13.8	6	— 302 36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	145	65	14.8	6.5	13	1 9,350 8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	58	215.2	1,251.3	64	W 2,636 552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	62	99.7	1,298.2	50	W 5,701 1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	9	5	182.5	107.9	64	— 726 152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	2	46	39.9	963.1	60	W 3,396 697.4
Preventable teen death rate	5	1	157.5	33.2	14	— 268 84.0
SECURITY						
Vulnerable families	55	40	21.2%	17.3%	42	— 3,654 14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	758	236	6.8%	2.1%	34	1 35,476 2.8%
Children in poverty	1,954	2,587	19.8%	26.0%	37	— 260,970 23.8%



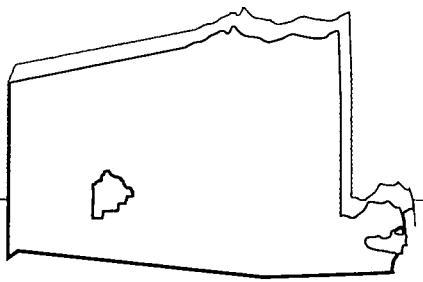
Year	Total county population	County child population	Children as percentage of Tallapoosa County's population	The diversity of Tallapoosa County
1990	38,826	10,016	25.8%	24.2%
2000	41,475	10,037		
1990	38,826	10,016	25.8%	24.2%
2000	41,475	10,037		

INDICATOR	NUMBER	RATE		RANK	TREND	STATE Number	Rate
		Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH							
Infant mortality rate	33	23	15.5	10.0	42	—	607
Low weight births	193	256	9.0%	11.1%	55	W	5,800
Child health index	1,254	1,276	61.3%	55.6%	40	W	36,326
Births to unmarried teens	285	297	13.3%	12.9%	39	—	7,133
EDUCATION							
First grade retention	88	198	4.0%	8.7%	31	4,688	7.6%
Event dropout rate	503	306	7.2%	4.5%	25	1	8,938
Projected dropout rate	563	345	26.1%	17.0%	25	1	10,194
2000							
SAFETY							
Child death rate	11	7	39.4	24.9	27	—	302
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	502	385	14.2	10.0	46	—	9,350
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	10	107	52.2	654.4	51	W	2,636
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	62	195	377.8	1,167.5	37	W	5,701
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	2	51	12.2	311.9	63	W	726
DEMOCRAPHICS							
Total county population	150,522	164,875	38,543				
County child population	35,963						
Children as percentage of Tuscaloosa County's population	23.9%		23.4%				
The children of Tuscaloosa County							
Under age 5	9,647	22.0%	10,592	22.7%			
Ages 5-9	9,766	22.2%	10,853	23.2%			
Ages 10-14	10,139	23.1%	10,690	22.9%			
Ages 15-19	14,387	32.7%	14,558	31.2%			
The diversity of Tuscaloosa County's children							
White	22,920	63.7%	22,745	59.0%			
African American	12,633	35.1%	14,332	37.2%			
Hispanic							
Other Races	410	1.1%	394	1.0%			
More than one race							
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	3,543	1,034	8.1%	2.2%	32	1	35,476
Children in poverty	8,568	9,051	24.1%	24.2%	27	—	260,970

County
5
Ranking

Walker County

ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	12	6	13.2	6.6	34	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	74	79	8.2%	8.7%	20	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	473	479	53.2%	52.7%	50	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	91	91	10.0%	10.0%	24	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	60	69	6.1%	7.7%	36	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	258	47	7.4%	1.6%	10	1	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	280	51	25.9%	6.4%	10	1	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	9	3	66.8	23.1	29	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	324	166	19.2	10.0	47	1	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	16	13	198.8	159.6	26	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	44	103	512.9	1,239.8	38	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	5	1	59.2	12.3	24	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	9	12	104.9	144.4	2	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	4	9	74.0	176.8	53	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	55	51	13.1%	12.6%	24	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,171	262	6.1%	1.4%	11	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	3,873	3,710	22.8%	21.2%	14	—	260,970	23.8%



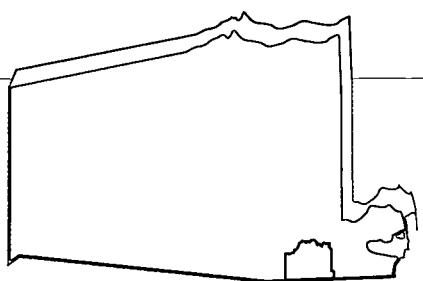
	1990	2000
Total county population	67,670	70,713
County child population	17,184	16,636
Children as percentage of Walker County's population	25.4%	23.5%

The children of Walker County	4,220	21.9%	4,520	24.4%
Under age 5	4,569	23.7%	4,556	24.6%
Ages 5-9	5,151	26.7%	4,711	25.5%
Ages 10-14	5,320	27.6%	4,706	25.4%
Ages 15-19				

The diversity of Walker County's children	15,557	90.5%	14,838	89.2%
White	1,578	9.2%	1,310	7.9%
African American				
Hispanic			197	1.2%
Other Races	49	0.3%	98	0.6%
More than one race			193	1.2%

**County
25
Ranking**

Washington County



Demographics

Total county population

County child population

Children as percentage of Washington County's population

The children of Washington County

Under age 5

Ages 5-9

Ages 10-14

Ages 15-19

The diversity of Washington County's children

White

African American

Hispanic

Other Races

More than one race

Indicator		Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	State Number	Rate
		Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year				
HEALTH									
Infant mortality rate		4	2	16.2	8.6	40	—	607	9.8
Low weight births		23	22	9.3%	9.4%	27	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index		141	137	49.0%	58.8%	32	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens		30	30	12.1%	12.9%	27	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION									
First grade retention		33	20	10.3%	6.8%	45	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate		31	16	2.7%	1.5%	1	—	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate		36	18	10.3%	6.0%	1	—	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY									
Child death rate		0	0	0.0	0.0	20	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect		52	32	10.4	6.2	29	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate		0	2	0.0	88.5	17	W	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate		6	18	243.4	776.5	13	W	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate		0	4	0.0	177.1	31	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate		4	15	162.3	647.1	42	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate		2	3	137.3	215.2	61	—	268	84.0
SECURITY									
Vulnerable families		18	14	17.6%	14.1%	28	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF		609	221	10.9%	3.8%	51	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty		1,483	1,290	29.2%	25.4%	35	—	260,970	23.8%

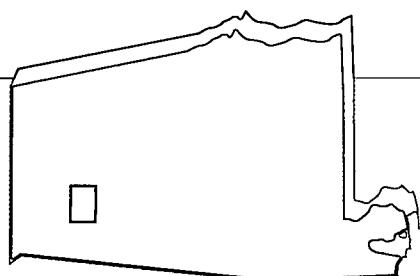
County
66
Ranking

Wilcox County

ATOR	NUMBER	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RATE	RANK	TREND	STATE	STATE	Rate
HEALTH											
Infant mortality rate	2	2	7.7	9.0	5	—	607	—	9.8		
Low weight births	29	29	11.1%	13.1%	56	—	5,800	—	9.3%		
Child health index	114	107	49.4%	48.2%	63	—	36,326	58.5%			
Births to unmarried teens	49	50	18.8%	22.5%	67	—	7,133	11.5%			
EDUCATION											
First grade retention	19	23	8.3%	10.4%	52	4,688	7.6%				
Event dropout rate	57	31	6.7%	4.0%	11	—	8,938	4.4%			
Projected dropout rate	62	32	23.2%	14.9%	11	—	10,194	16.7%			
SAFETY											
Child death rate	1	1	27.6	30.9	67	—	302	36.8			
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	58	46	12.7	11.4	38	—	9,350	8.3			
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	2	0	93.5	0.0	6	—	2,636	552.0			
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	3	9	127.0	412.7	25	W	5,701	1,170.7			
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	2	0.0	93.9	50	W	726	152.0			
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	10	13	423.3	596.1	67	—	3,396	697.4			
Preventable teen death rate	1	2	75.4	161.7	30	—	268	84.0			
SECURITY											
Vulnerable families	29	22	26.9%	24.2%	65	—	3,654	14.2%			
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	1,337	493	26.6%	11.2%	66	1	35,476	2.8%			
Children in poverty	2,629	1,968	57.5%	44.0%	65	—	260,970	23.8%			
											160

**County
17
Ranking**

Winston County



DEMOCRAPHICS

Total county population

County child population

Children as percentage of Winston County's population

The children of Winston County

Under age 5

Ages 5-9

Ages 10-14

Ages 15-19

The diversity of Winston County's children

White

African American

Hispanic

Other Races

More than one race

INDICATOR	Base Year	Current Year	Base Year	Current Year	RANK	TREND	STATE Number	STATE Rate
HEALTH								
Infant mortality rate	4	3	13.6	10.6	24	—	607	9.8
Low weight births	23	23	7.8%	8.1%	8	—	5,800	9.3%
Child health index	142	166	52.6%	58.5%	25	—	36,326	58.5%
Births to unmarried teens	16	12	5.4%	4.2%	6	—	7,133	11.5%
EDUCATION								
First grade retention	6	28	1.7%	8.0%	5	4,688	7.6%	
Event dropout rate	52	81	3.9%	6.2%	47	W	8,938	4.4%
Projected dropout rate	56	86	14.7%	23.2%	49	W	10,194	16.7%
SAFETY								
Child death rate	0	2	0.0	46.7	53	—	302	36.8
Children with indication of abuse or neglect	81	27	15.1	4.6	28	—	9,350	8.3
Juvenile substance abuse arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	4	—	2,636	552.0
Juvenile substance abuse court referral rate	5	22	184.2	834.6	21	—	5,701	1,170.7
Juvenile violent crime arrest rate	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	—	726	152.0
Juvenile violent crime court referral rate	3	7	110.5	265.6	8	—	3,396	697.4
Preventable teen death rate	3	3	174.4	181.1	64	—	268	84.0
SECURITY								
Vulnerable families	7	9	5.5%	7.5%	6	—	3,654	14.2%
Children receiving AFDC/TANF	153	80	2.5%	1.2%	14	1	35,476	2.8%
Children in poverty	1,271	1,356	23.6%	23.5%	25	—	260,970	23.8%

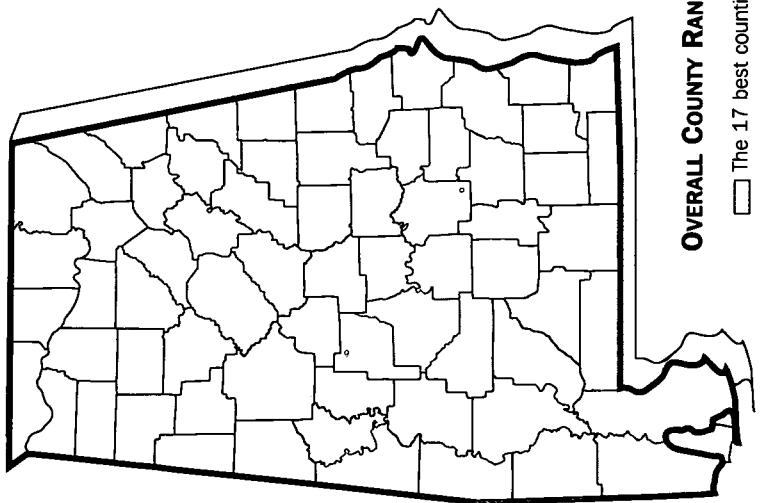
COUNTY RANKINGS & DATA



164

165

OVERALL COUNTY RANKINGS



The overall rank for each county was obtained using the following procedure:

- First, we converted the numerical values for all thirteen indicators into standard scores. Standard scores are derived by subtracting the mean score from the observed score and dividing by the standard deviation for that distribution of scores. The children's health index, was converted so that better scores for this variable would coincide with better scores for all other variables (and vice versa).
- Next, we summed the standard scores to create a total standard score for each county.
- Finally, we ranked the counties on the basis of their total standard score from lowest/best (1) to highest/worst (67).

All measures were given the same weight in calculating the overall standard score; no attempt was made to judge the relative importance of each indicator. The 13 indicators that are included in the ranking index are: births to unmarried teens; child death rate; children in poverty; children receiving AFDC/TANF; children with indication of abuse or neglect; children's health index; infant mortality rate; juvenile violent crime arrest rate; juvenile violent crime court referral rate; low weight births; preventable teen death rate; projected dropout rate; and the vulnerable families index.

RANK	COUNTY	TOTAL SCORE	34
1	Shelby	-11.05	35
2	Cullman	-8.89	36
3	Clay	-7.55	37
4	Jackson	-6.26	38
5	Walker	-6.23	39
6	Blount	-6.04	40
7	Cleburne	-5.98	41
8	Saint Clair	-5.79	42
9	DeKalb	-5.67	43
10	Limestone	-5.41	44
11	Autauga	-5.17	45
12	Lauderdale	-5.12	46
13	Madison	-4.70	47
14	Coffee	-4.49	48
15	Baldwin	-4.26	49
16	Marion	-4.20	50
17	Winston	-4.04	51
18	Lee	-3.69	52
19	Franklin	-3.62	53
20	Chilton	-3.35	54
21	Fayette	-3.15	55
22	Elmore	-3.09	56
23	Lamar	-2.86	57
24	Lawrence	-2.66	58
25	Washington	-2.52	59
26	Etowah	-2.26	60
27	Morgan	-2.16	61
28	Colbert	-2.08	62
29	Monroe	-1.93	63
30	Choctaw	-1.59	64
31	Calhoun	-1.43	65
32	Randolph	-1.32	66
33	Chambers	-0.72	67

COUNTY DATA

Abbreviations: IM—Infant mortality, LWB—Low birth weight, CHI—Child health index, BUT—Births to unmarried teens, FGRR—First grade retention rate, EDO—Event dropout rate, PDO—Projected dropout rate, CDR—Child death rate, CIAN—Children with indication of abuse or neglect, ISAC—Juvenile substance abuse arrest, ISAC—Juvenile substance abuse court referral, IVCA—Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, IVCA—Juvenile violent crime court referral, PTID—Preventable teen death, PTID—Projected teen death, TANF—AFDC—Children receiving TANF, POV—Children in poverty.

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	IM ‰	LWB ‰	CHI ‰	BUT ‰	FGRR ‰	EDO ‰	PDO ‰	CDR ‰	CIAN ‰	ISAC ‰	IVCA ‰	PTID ‰	VF ‰	TANF/AFDC ‰	POV ‰
Autauga	5.1	6.3	62.4	8.9	9.9	4.5	16.5	11.0	4.6	1,713.9	652.1	204.9	409.9	0.0	14.8
Baldwin	11.1	7.6	57.9	10.4	7.6	4.7	18.1	43.3	6.6	1,504.7	1,456.1	140.4	347.3	87.2	13.6
Barbour	2.8	11.6	55.8	17.8	8.6	3.4	12.0	0.0	7.7	1,335.5	1,106.0	0.0	307.2	50.0	22.1
Bibb	11.8	11.5	49.7	12.7	10.1	3.5	12.7	49.6	18.4	0.0	1,521.2	0.0	1,401.1	185.0	16.4
Blount	14.5	9.5	61.4	6.3	9.8	6.5	23.6	45.8	7.0	224.8	1,011.0	0.0	393.2	88.4	16.4
Bullock	26.5	9.3	47.0	17.9	18.7	4.2	15.8	82.2	8.2	0.0	216.8	73.3	289.0	119.0	25.9
Butler	9.7	7.1	46.8	16.6	9.6	10.3	34.6	63.8	7.6	258.9	179.1	74.0	143.3	120.0	17.1
Calhoun	6.3	7.1	55.4	9.1	7.6	5.7	21.3	4.8	11.2	340.1	1,486.4	118.7	674.2	55.4	10.0
Chambers	12.7	8.7	54.3	18.0	1.9	4.5	16.3	30.1	8.3	1,228.3	2,002.8	120.4	372.6	72.3	25.6
Cherokee	11.0	7.7	54.6	16.1	6.9	7.6	28.0	109.1	23.5	41.8	1,464.0	0.0	122.0	65.5	16.7
Chilton	12.3	7.0	51.7	8.6	8.1	6.3	23.4	68.5	8.1	22.2	772.5	0.0	463.5	36.7	16.3
Choctaw	0.0	8.4	58.1	15.3	5.6	9.4	32.0	96.5	2.9	0.0	324.8	0.0	417.6	0.0	14.6
Clarke	9.3	9.3	54.2	16.4	10.8	1.6	6.1	49.5	8.1	500.4	286.8	52.7	286.8	40.7	21.4
Clay	0.0	5.4	51.8	8.4	13.6	4.2	16.1	0.0	14.4	255.1	434.0	0.0	310.0	196.9	9.6
Cleburne	5.3	8.0	48.1	4.8	11.3	5.7	20.8	0.0	24.7	183.6	908.5	61.2	363.4	96.9	7.4
Coffee	3.5	8.3	57.6	8.0	5.6	5.9	22.3	0.0	9.1	555.8	1,558.9	192.4	374.1	66.8	9.8
Colbert	11.5	11.0	61.5	12.6	8.5	4.9	18.1	33.0	6.3	589.8	202.8	114.2	184.4	90.7	17.9
Concuh	29.9	11.4	51.7	11.9	15.5	6.9	25.0	72.4	18.4	356.7	968.7	0.0	341.9	99.3	9.1
Coosa	14.8	15.6	51.1	19.3	5.7	7.9	27.6	0.0	11.1	326.8	1,289.3	0.0	644.6	235.8	20.0
Covington	4.4	7.8	63.8	8.9	4.7	6.2	22.9	58.7	7.3	483.0	1,899.3	120.7	593.5	115.6	11.8
Crenshaw	16.6	8.3	55.2	11.6	6.5	3.7	14.1	0.0	12.8	124.1	1,337.4	0.0	364.7	97.0	9.2
Cullman	6.9	8.3	54.5	7.4	7.5	5.1	19.0	64.9	9.4	379.1	1,142.8	36.7	553.4	57.9	11.1
Dale	9.6	8.0	59.5	7.4	6.6	4.6	17.1	20.0	11.6	877.4	2,067.8	156.0	804.1	181.8	10.3
Dallas	14.9	12.4	52.9	21.5	10.8	4.1	15.0	28.8	8.4	275.1	967.0	145.7	1,062.1	50.7	27.3
DeKalb	4.3	7.6	53.6	7.3	6.5	5.0	18.9	46.5	6.9	221.7	1,150.4	14.8	233.0	143.5	12.0
Elmore	4.3	7.9	58.6	9.5	5.7	4.9	18.9	41.7	4.9	863.8	1,892.8	69.7	640.2	128.1	13.3
Escambia	12.4	10.4	55.6	16.8	8.8	5.6	20.6	29.7	6.7	210.5	478.0	117.0	478.0	35.1	23.9
Elowah	9.1	8.7	57.2	11.6	7.8	5.6	20.9	22.2	12.1	272.0	972.3	70.2	349.7	67.4	14.1
Fayette	4.6	8.8	50.9	7.4	14.4	7.0	24.9	60.0	11.3	913.0	1,963.5	144.2	280.5	0.0	11.6
Franklin	9.2	6.2	54.1	7.3	10.6	3.4	13.3	56.0	6.9	659.3	1,318.6	0.0	429.3	150.7	7.4
Geneva	9.4	7.5	58.9	9.4	9.2	5.0	19.0	66.8	15.0	398.6	1,494.1	36.2	533.6	166.1	13.4
Greene	12.1	10.9	36.4	25.5	8.4	6.5	24.0	0.0	16.5	73.8	142.8	0.0	71.4	0.0	44.6
Hale	0.0	11.2	49.1	13.8	10.7	4.6	17.8	77.8	4.1	0.0	598.0	0.0	726.2	212.6	12.0
Henry	15.2	6.6	65.7	10.6	9.0	7.7	28.1	0.0	4.3	698.9	1,097.8	107.5	418.2	85.4	18.3

The numbers below represent rates or percentages.

County	WB %	CHI %	BUT %	FGRR %	EDO %	EDO %	CHAN %	ISAA %	ISAC %	NYCA %	NYCC %	PID %	WF %	TANADC %	ROY %		
Houston	8.6	9.2	63.0	11.9	9.0	5.2	19.3	40.4	12.3	1,101.3	1,199.9	238.1	614.6	127.6	14.3	1.9	24.4
Jackson	6.0	8.7	54.3	7.3	5.3	5.1	18.9	10.7	8.1	0.0	1,454.3	0.0	462.7	109.2	10.5	0.9	21.7
Jefferson	12.1	10.5	62.4	12.0	6.7	3.6	13.8	34.8	6.5	547.7	933.2	206.9	1,364.9	97.2	14.0	3.9	21.5
Lamar	17.6	7.6	57.6	2.9	6.0	3.8	14.8	70.3	6.4	0.0	1,311.5	0.0	546.4	85.5	2.9	2.1	27.2
Lauderdale	6.7	8.3	64.2	8.2	3.3	4.3	16.1	20.8	5.5	1,025.0	1,462.6	131.1	557.2	34.8	10.2	1.0	19.6
Lawrence	7.0	10.1	53.5	10.6	4.2	3.3	11.9	47.5	14.8	103.2	1,386.1	0.0	1,209.7	0.0	9.9	1.8	22.2
Lee	10.0	7.2	62.8	9.3	6.0	1.9	7.2	65.9	6.4	424.4	1,415.4	191.0	707.7	37.9	12.5	1.4	19.8
Limestone	6.0	8.5	59.0	9.6	7.8	7.4	26.1	26.3	8.2	480.6	446.7	45.1	297.8	70.3	14.1	1.4	20.0
Lowndes	14.1	12.7	55.4	18.3	14.9	5.6	20.5	93.1	4.4	0.0	658.6	0.0	2,381.0	163.8	21.8	6.0	39.4
Macon	19.7	12.2	51.3	19.1	3.4	4.8	17.7	48.6	2.8	117.6	453.2	196.0	1,510.6	33.9	25.4	8.1	40.4
Madison	7.3	8.1	66.4	9.8	5.3	2.8	10.5	34.5	6.4	962.8	1,510.7	145.2	560.9	54.1	11.0	1.8	17.6
Marengo	18.3	14.0	52.1	14.9	13.8	2.6	10.0	20.2	7.9	98.8	1,523.8	98.8	571.4	105.5	14.0	4.3	32.6
Marion	13.1	7.0	55.4	7.8	7.0	4.6	17.1	75.8	9.8	769.9	2,012.4	0.0	680.7	92.9	6.1	1.2	22.5
Marshall	9.5	7.1	56.1	9.5	3.8	6.4	23.7	35.2	18.7	971.2	916.9	58.5	504.3	73.1	12.5	1.7	23.0
Mobile	10.5	10.6	55.1	13.3	11.5	4.3	15.9	47.3	9.4	573.9	1,286.7	322.4	928.7	92.4	17.5	3.9	28.8
Monroe	2.7	10.2	58.2	15.4	8.9	5.2	19.2	19.3	8.4	344.9	641.4	62.7	274.9	96.7	19.2	2.9	30.5
Montgomery	10.6	11.0	60.4	14.8	7.7	2.5	9.6	47.5	4.0	305.1	1,150.7	415.3	916.5	88.3	17.4	4.8	26.2
Morgan	9.5	9.9	55.1	8.8	3.8	5.7	21.1	24.3	8.1	1,043.8	1,245.2	126.3	371.1	126.4	12.8	1.3	16.9
Perry	5.4	10.3	47.3	24.5	10.1	3.5	13.8	0.0	7.4	55.6	54.1	111.2	216.2	72.6	34.2	7.5	45.2
Pickens	3.5	9.0	59.0	17.7	8.4	3.1	12.0	22.9	5.4	155.1	795.2	116.3	719.4	66.1	19.1	4.1	32.9
Pike	9.9	7.4	57.9	17.6	9.0	5.5	19.4	58.7	7.5	421.3	833.8	194.4	1,531.3	34.3	22.7	3.9	34.4
Randolph	12.8	11.9	53.8	13.5	18.6	6.4	22.6	26.7	9.1	655.6	865.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.8	3.2	27.9
Russell	10.7	10.3	58.5	13.0	5.7	5.8	20.9	21.3	14.4	598.8	1,701.7	205.8	778.4	28.2	16.4	4.0	28.0
St. Clair	13.0	5.6	57.3	7.9	8.2	5.5	20.3	73.1	11.3	206.7	4,676.0	27.6	402.4	111.5	9.9	1.7	20.2
Shelby	7.1	6.8	70.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	15.2	16.7	5.2	77.7	256.7	6.5	309.4	107.6	4.4	0.5	9.8
Sumter	18.4	12.0	45.2	18.0	5.7	5.3	20.2	86.4	10.0	46.4	180.3	185.6	450.9	123.6	20.0	9.8	40.1
Talladega	13.9	11.9	50.8	14.6	5.5	5.3	19.2	32.9	12.1	273.2	760.1	31.5	531.0	63.7	16.6	3.6	27.6
Tallapoosa	9.1	10.4	59.4	14.4	6.4	4.9	18.6	13.8	6.5	1,251.3	1,298.2	107.9	963.1	33.2	17.3	2.1	26.0
Tuscaloosa	10.0	11.1	55.6	12.9	8.7	4.5	17.0	24.9	10.0	654.4	1,167.5	311.9	520.9	42.0	13.0	2.2	24.2
Walker	6.6	8.7	52.7	10.0	7.7	1.6	6.4	23.1	10.0	159.6	1,239.8	12.3	144.4	176.8	12.6	1.4	21.2
Washington	8.6	9.4	58.8	12.9	6.8	1.5	6.0	0.0	6.2	88.5	776.5	177.1	647.1	215.2	14.1	3.8	25.4
Wilcox	9.0	13.1	48.2	22.5	10.4	4.0	14.9	30.9	11.4	0.0	412.7	93.9	596.1	161.7	24.2	11.2	44.0
Winston	10.6	8.1	58.5	4.2	8.0	6.2	23.2	46.7	4.6	0.0	834.6	0.0	265.6	181.1	7.5	1.2	23.5
Alabama	9.8	9.3	58.5	11.5	7.6	4.4	16.7	36.8	8.3	552.0	1,170.7	152.0	697.4	84.0	142	2.6	23.6

COUNTY RANKINGS

Abbreviations: IM-Infant mortality, LWB-Low birth weight birth, CHI-Child health index, BUT-Births to unmarried teens, FGRR-First grade retention rate, EDO-Event dropout rate, PDO-Projected dropout rate, CDR-Child death rate, CIAN-Children with indication of abuse or neglect, ISAC-Juvenile substance abuse court referral, ISAA-Juvenile violent crime arrest rate, IVCC-Juvenile violent crime court referral, IVG-Preventable teen death, VF-Vulnerable families, TANF/AFDC-Children receiving TANF, POV-Children in poverty.

The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM ቍኝ	LWB ቍኝ	CHI ቍኝ	BUT ቍኝ	FGRR ቍኝ	EDO ቍኝ	PDO ቍኝ	CDR ቍኝ	CIAN ቍኝ	ISAA ቍኝ	ISAC ቍኝ	IVCC ቍኝ	VF ቍኝ	TANF/AFDC ቍኝ	POV ቍኝ	
Autauga	12	9	18	18	56	53	51	7	4	67	31	59	27	31	23	4
Baldwin	57	15	23	25	37	38	38	28	30	66	63	38	25	63	20	2
Barbour	7	60	34	58	41	9	9	45	41	65	45	41	41	45	60	52
Bibb	41	42	62	34	57	27	27	44	58	5	56	10	62	56	33	24
Blount	47	23	6	4	33	48	47	16	25	39	24	11	14	24	8	13
Bullock	60	64	65	62	67	21	22	52	5	11	3	23	23	3	67	61
Butler	14	25	47	54	50	64	64	50	31	35	7	54	4	7	48	45
Calhoun	49	19	38	17	35	39	37	11	57	48	59	51	47	59	12	39
Chambers	21	35	22	59	8	28	26	10	33	60	44	42	46	44	57	40
Cherokee	17	28	26	36	10	65	66	51	67	10	35	16	1	35	41	31
Chilton	35	34	55	22	18	49	50	60	22	20	28	22	15	28	35	27
Choctaw	1	36	24	45	47	61	61	26	14	1	10	1	11	10	38	48
Clarke	33	29	36	49	60	8	8	61	27	38	9	40	12	9	54	60
Clay	31	5	51	23	51	3	3	1	60	15	11	1	34	11	14	29
Cleburne	6	21	56	2	40	44	46	18	66	12	14	55	22	14	4	9
Coffee	26	4	30	29	13	36	40	3	40	54	52	45	18	52	22	33
Colbert	36	41	10	31	38	46	45	14	9	49	5	44	20	5	44	3
Concuh	67	61	54	42	65	58	56	49	65	31	15	46	7	15	39	67
Coosa	20	66	61	53	29	67	67	5	53	24	41	36	57	41	53	37
Covington	13	16	19	38	15	57	58	63	42	45	67	28	43	67	37	35
Crenshaw	52	10	49	43	32	37	36	19	61	29	30	12	49	30	45	36
Cullman	18	17	37	8	30	6	6	36	36	37	32	17	28	32	15	4
Dale	61	12	12	19	21	30	30	9	52	58	62	56	59	62	17	41
Dallas	50	62	48	63	53	22	20	23	16	34	43	61	66	43	62	60
DeKalb	9	32	52	13	3	51	52	41	20	23	40	8	3	40	23	10
Elmore	19	26	13	28	24	23	28	39	7	57	60	34	48	60	29	18
Fayette	22	11	53	10	46	63	62	59	51	63	66	48	29	66	10	38
Franklin	27	31	42	5	59	20	21	62	10	44	55	13	38	55	3	28
Geneva	64	53	46	47	42	40	39	58	24	22	8	52	39	8	52	22
Greene	38	6	33	30	39	35	35	64	55	30	54	25	51	54	27	19
Hale	3	58	66	55	62	29	29	46	26	8	16	18	56	16	55	44
Henry	55	38	8	32	54	56	57	2	1	59	64	32	31	64	40	53

The numbers below represent county rankings for each indicator from best (1) to worst (67). Most rankings are based on rates over three-year periods.

County	IM 97-99	IMB 97-99	CHI 97-99	BUT 97-99	FGRR 97-99	EDO 97-99	PDO 97-99	CAN 97-99	SAA 97-99	ISAC 97-99	WCA 97-99	WCC 97-99	PID 97-99	VF 97-99	TANF/HDC 97-99	POV 97-99	
Houston	39	37	7	35	55	43	42	31	32	61	34	58	50	34	34	26	29
Jackson	16	30	43	15	7	45	48	13	44	14	57	1	13	57	13	6	17
Jefferson	54	52	5	40	26	18	18	30	23	50	33	62	65	33	36	47	16
Lamar	66	39	21	3	23	12	13	57	8	1	20	1	24	20	2	17	40
Lauderdale	8	44	3	11	6	17	15	12	37	55	48	49	30	48	9	7	8
Lawrence	15	45	35	26	17	4	4	43	62	9	51	1	54	51	16	16	19
Lee	37	3	4	20	9	5	5	47	19	52	47	65	55	47	18	21	9
Limestone	4	14	15	12	28	55	55	42	12	36	6	30	9	6	19	25	10
Lowndes	65	65	29	64	66	52	53	65	3	1	12	35	64	12	63	59	62
Macon	59	59	61	19	14	14	14	54	34	41	17	43	63	17	59	64	64
Madison	10	13	2	16	2	13	12	35	15	62	46	57	40	46	11	30	5
Marengo	25	63	57	52	64	7	7	22	17	13	53	27	53	53	32	58	54
Marion	63	1	14	7	12	33	33	55	54	47	61	9	26	61	5	5	21
Marshall	28	18	45	14	4	60	63	48	64	53	18	21	33	18	21	20	22
Mobile	58	54	44	63	26	24	40	45	46	49	66	58	49	49	50	50	48
Monroe	11	49	41	48	44	32	34	8	11	28	23	26	5	23	50	42	52
Montgomery	62	48	9	50	22	16	17	33	2	43	36	67	52	36	51	57	38
Morgan	44	24	31	21	16	59	59	24	39	56	39	53	19	39	26	8	3
Perry	30	46	60	65	43	54	54	15	43	7	1	37	10	1	66	63	67
Pickens	2	47	11	60	48	2	2	25	48	27	29	39	45	29	58	56	56
Pike	48	43	16	56	49	50	44	37	18	32	26	47	61	26	61	49	59
Randolph	53	40	27	37	61	34	31	32	35	40	42	19	35	42	46	43	43
Russell	43	33	39	41	20	66	65	34	63	42	58	60	44	58	43	54	44
St. Clair	32	2	28	9	34	42	43	38	49	25	65	20	16	65	7	15	12
Shelby	23	7	1	1	1	15	16	21	6	16	22	14	17	22	1	1	1
Sumter	56	50	64	57	11	19	19	56	21	21	4	29	37	4	56	65	63
Talladega	46	57	58	51	14	24	23	4	50	33	19	15	32	19	47	46	41
Tallapoosa	51	51	17	46	25	31	32	6	13	64	50	60	50	42	34	37	37
Tuscaloosa	42	55	40	39	31	25	27	46	51	37	63	36	37	25	32	27	27
Walker	34	20	50	24	36	10	10	29	47	26	38	24	2	38	24	11	14
Washington	40	27	32	27	45	1	1	20	29	17	13	31	42	13	28	51	35
Wilcox	5	56	63	67	52	11	11	67	38	6	25	50	67	25	65	66	65
Winston	24	8	25	6	5	47	49	53	28	4	21	1	8	21	6	14	25

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

of the Census, Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, Small Area Estimates Branch, County Estimates for People Under Age 18 in Poverty for Alabama: 1997, http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/scty/d_9701.html > Table D97-01, Released November, 2000.

Alabama Kids Count gratefully acknowledges the Alabama Criminal Justice Information System, Alabama Department of Education, Alabama Department of Human Resources, Alabama Department of Public Health, and the Alabama Department of Youth Services for supplying a large portion of the data reported in this publication. More specifically, we express our appreciation to the following individuals who graciously assisted in the compilation of information: Carol Roberts (Alabama Criminal Justice Information System); Ethan Taylor (Alabama Department of Education); Francis Arnold, Mike Gibson, and Margaret McCarley (Alabama Department of Human Resources); Kathy Chapman, Al Stone, and Albert Woolbright (Alabama Department of Public Health); and James Bates (Alabama Department of Youth Services).

DEFINITIONS, NOTES AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENS

The number of live births to unmarried females aged 10 through 19 expressed as a percentage of live births to women of all ages. Data are reported by mother's county of residence. Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1997, Table 4-26 (1990, 1991, and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989 and 1993 through 1996, and 1998 and 1999.

CHILD DEATH RATE

Number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 through 14 per 100,000 children of those ages.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, and 1992, Table 5-5; and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989 and 1993 through 1999.

CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES

The number of legal child day care facilities located within a specified county as of September and December, 2000. "Legal facilities" are those that are registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources. This indicator encompasses family day care homes (serving six children or less), group day care homes (serving 7-12 children), licensed day care centers (serving more than 12 children), and day care centers that are exempt from licensure (serving more than 12 children with church exemption). Homes where children are cared for by relatives or friends, as well as those that operate as businesses but are not registered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, are not included in these numbers.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

Children under 18 living below the federal poverty threshold expressed as a percentage of all children under 18.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 1990 *Census of Population and Housing*, CP-2-2, *Social and Economic Characteristics*, Tables 29 and 149, and Bureau

CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC/TANF

Number of children in families receiving AFDC/TANF payments during February of the specified year expressed as a percentage of all children under 20. In 1996, the AFDC program ("Aid to Families with Dependent Children") became the TANF program ("Temporary Assistance to Needy Families").

Data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Management and Fiscal Analysis Division.

CHILDREN WITH INDICATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Number of children with indication of abuse or neglect per 1,000 children under 18. This measure involves instances of child abuse or neglect where both credible evidence and the professional judgement of the social worker substantiate that an alleged perpetrator is responsible for harming the child.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Center for Information Services Partnership.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INDEX

Percent of total births with none of six birth characteristics that affect children's later school success (late or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain, mother smoked during pregnancy, mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, three or more older siblings, and closely spaced birth).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

EVENT DROPOUT RATE

The number of students who dropped out of grades 9-12 during the specified school year expressed as a percentage of the total enrolled in grades 9-12 on the fortieth day of that school year. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Alabama public schools adhere to the definition of "dropout" developed by the National Center of Education Statistics. According to this definition, a dropout is an individual who was enrolled in school sometime during the previous year and was not enrolled on October 1 of the current school year; or was not enrolled on October 1 of the previous school year although expected to be in membership (i.e., was not reported as a dropout the year before); and has not graduated from high school or completed an approved educational program; and does not meet any of the exclusionary conditions (i.e., transfer to another school system or approved educational program, temporary absence due to suspension or illness, or death).

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

FIRST GRADE RETENTION RATE

The number of students enrolled in the first grade during the specified school year who were not promoted to the second grade expressed as a percentage of the total number of students enrolled in the first grade. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Education.

NT MORTALITY RATE
Number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Data are reported from the county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1989 through 1997, Tables 5-29 (1988-89), 5-31 (1990-93), and Volume 4 (1994-97); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health for 1998 and 1999.

JUVENILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ARREST RATE

Number of arrests of persons under age 18 for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10-17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

JUVENILE SUBSTANCE COURT REFERRAL RATE

Number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for the sale of illegal drugs, the possession of illegal drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol, the violation of liquor laws, or drunkenness per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1988 through 1998 (Table 4).

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARREST RATE

Number of arrests of persons under age 18 for violent offenses (homicide/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault) per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Unpublished information supplied by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, Statistical Analysis Center.

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME COURT REFERRAL RATE

Number of cases adjudicated by the juvenile court system involving persons under 18 years of age referred to the court for murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, or simple assault per 100,000 persons aged 10 through 17.

Alabama Department of Youth Services, Office of Development and Information Services. Annual editions of Statistical Reports for 1988 through 1998 (Table 4).

LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS

Percentage of all live births recorded as low birth weight (under 5.5 pounds or 2,500 grams). Data are reported by mother's county of residence.

Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics. Annual editions of *Alabama Vital Events* for 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1997, Table 4-23 (1990, 1991, and 1992) and Volume IV (1997); and unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, for 1989, 1993 through 1996, and 1998 and 1999.

POPULATION

Unless otherwise noted, "children" refers to all persons under 18 years of age. Data reported for race in 1990 and 2000 are not totally comparable due to changes in the 2000 census questionnaire. In 2000, census respondents could select more than one race category, but they could select only one in 1990. In addition, the data reported for 1990 for individual race categories (i.e., white, African-American and "other") include Hispanics (who can be of any race), while those reported for 2000 do not. Instead, the Hispanic child population in 2000 is reported separately.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1A, Issued in CD-Format, September, 1991; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Data, Tables PL1 (Race) and PL3 (Race for the Population 18 Years and Over)*, Released March, 2001 <<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTTable?ts=6209883220>> (Table PL1) and <<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DTTable?ts=6087422050>> (Table PL3); U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000 Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics, Alabama*, Released May, 2001 <http://www2.census.gov/census_2000/datasets/demographic.profile/Alabama/>; and U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Population Estimates for Counties by Age and Sex: Annual Time Series, July 1, 1990 to July 1, 1999*, Released August, 2000, <<http://www.census.gov/poplulation/estimates/county/cas/cas01.txt>>.

PREVENTABLE TEEN DEATH RATE

Number of deaths from homicide, suicide, and accidents to persons aged 15 through 19 per 100,000 persons in that age group.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

PROJECTED DROPOUT RATE

The proportion of the ninth grade class for the specified school year that would drop out of school prior to graduation if that year's grade specific dropout rates were to remain constant in subsequent years. This procedure produces a projected, four-year dropout rate for a hypothetical cohort of students. Data are reported for public schools only. Rates for some school systems are estimated due to the non-reporting of data. For the definition of "dropout" used by Alabama's public school systems, see the information reported above for the "Event Dropout Rate."

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Education.

TREND ANALYSIS

Trends for each indicator were established using a linear curve estimation model with time as the independent variable. Trends are indicated as "improving" (I) or "worsening" (W) when the patterns over time are linear and model coefficients are statistically significant. Otherwise, trends are indicated as "indeterminant" (—). Annual data are not available for children in poverty; hence, poverty rates for 1989, 1993, 1995 and 1997 were used as the data points for curve estimation.

VULNERABLE FAMILIES

First births to unmarried teenage mothers who had not finished high school as a percentage of all live births.

Unpublished data supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics.

All data are reported by county of residence except the juvenile violent crime arrest rate and the juvenile substance abuse arrest rate (tabulated according to the county where the arrest occurred) and the juvenile violent crime court referral rate and the juvenile substance abuse court referral rate (tabulated according to the county where the offense took place).

The information appearing in this book is based on data reported to Alabama Kids Count by various Alabama agencies which, in turn, are sometimes dependent on other data collection entities. While we make every effort to reproduce this information as accurately as possible, we cannot guarantee that all of the data supplied to us are totally accurate. Reporting and tabulation errors beyond our control, therefore, may affect the validity of some of these data.

Add Your Voice To Ours!

Membership in VOICES for Alabama's Children is available to any individual or group that shares our concern about Alabama's children and families. We hope you will join us in developing a statewide network that will speak with one voice for the needs of our children. In addition to becoming more effective advocates for children by networking with others, members will receive the following benefits:

NEWSLETTER

- In-depth analyses of Alabama Kids Count data
- Updates on children's issues in state and/or national news
- Focus reports on state and/or national children's programs

ACTION ALERTS

- Alerts of legislation needing immediate attention will be mailed, emailed, and/or faxed.

ALABAMA KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK

- Provides information on the well-being of children in Alabama
- Aids organizations and others in grant applications, needs assessment and program planning

- One copy at no charge to Organizational members at the Individual Contributor level and above
- Discounts on Data Book with specific membership packages
- 2001 Publication will be \$40 per Data Book for non-members

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- *Alabama Kids Count Report*: a companion to the Data Book (all members receive a copy)
- *Children's Legislative Agenda* (all members receive a copy)
- *Children's Legislative Report* (all members receive a copy)
- *National Kid's Count Data Book* (call to request)

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Staff lobbyist works in legislature to represent VOICES
- Agenda
- VOICES leads United VOICES meetings during the legislative session to stay informed and keep others informed of the status of children's legislation
- VOICES acts as the eyes, ears, and voice of child advocates across the state in the legislature

MEMBER BENEFITS NEW IN 2001-2002

- Members Only section of VOICES website
- Interactive conversations with other VOICES members via member list service
- Your events added to VOICES virtual calendar of events
- Job postings for member groups

Yes, add my voice!

Name _____ Title _____ Phone () _____
Organization _____ Fax () _____
Address _____ Zip _____ E-mail address _____
City _____

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

- Over \$1,000/Sponsor
- \$1,000/Sustainer
- \$500/Patron
- \$100/Contributor
- \$50/Donor
- \$25/Individual
- \$10/Student
- \$150/Budget over \$150,000
- \$75/Budget under \$150,000

Make checks payable to:
VOICES for Alabama's Children,
P.O. Box 4576,
Montgomery, AL 36103-4576

VOICES is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

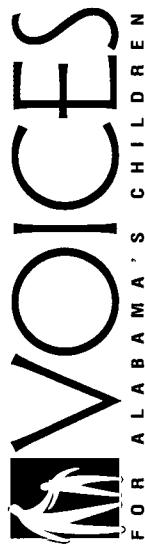
Mission Statement

*To ensure a decent childhood for every Alabama child.
To accomplish this mission, VOICES for Alabama's Children:*

- *researches the conditions of children in our state*
- *communicates those conditions to those who can work for change, and*
- *advocates for public policy and private programs that will improve the lives of children and families.*

*The following are programs of
VOICES for Alabama's Children:*

- Alabama Kids Count*
- Alabama Birth-to-Five Initiative*
- Brain Train*
- Children's Legislative Agenda*
- Children's Legislative Report*
- Kids and Kin Program*
- Legislative Advocacy*
- Children's Issues Public Awareness Campaign*
- Regional Meetings of Child Advocates*



1-800-444-KIDS (5437) 334-213-2410
Email: vfac@alavoices.org Web site: www.alavoices.org
P.O. Box 4576, Montgomery, AL 36103-4576

182

183



U.S. Department of Education
Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)
National Library of Education (NLE)
Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC)



NOTICE

Reproduction Basis



This document is covered by a signed "Reproduction Release (Blanket)" form (on file within the ERIC system), encompassing all or classes of documents from its source organization and, therefore, does not require a "Specific Document" Release form.



This document is Federally-funded, or carries its own permission to reproduce, or is otherwise in the public domain and, therefore, may be reproduced by ERIC without a signed Reproduction Release form (either "Specific Document" or "Blanket").

EFF-089 (3/2000)

PSO30018